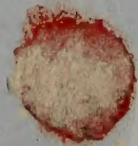
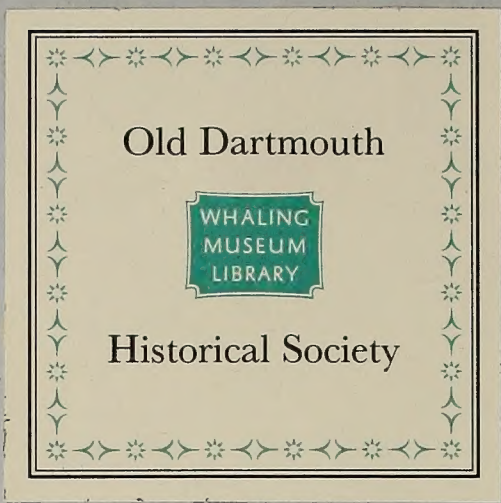




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Benjamin Clough Master  
Friday Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 1851

At 4 p m got Under way with light breezes from  
S. E with pleasant weather at 6 p m the  
Pilot left

Middle part light breezes from S E to E S E  
Latter part the same All hands Employed in  
Stowing the Anchors and Chains and fitting Boats  
Lat by Obs 40.09 S  
Long by Chron 71.09 W

Saturday Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1851

For part fresh breezes from E S E with pleasant  
weather Ship Under top Gallant Sails heading  
S E

Middle and latter part fresh breezes and squally  
took in the top Gallant Sails and double reefed  
the top Sails  
Lat by Obs 38.00 S  
Long by Chron 70.50 W

Sunday Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1851

For part strong wind from E with squally weather  
Ship Under double reef top sails and Courses  
heading S S E

Middle and latter part strong wind from E S E  
at 7 p m took in the gib and Main Sail  
at 8 a m wore ship heading E S E and set  
the Main Sail  
Lat by Obs 37.54 S  
Long by Chron 69.50 W

Monday Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 1851

For part strong wind from S S E with pleasant weather  
Ship Under double reef top sails and Courses heading  
S E

Middle and latter part the same  
Lat by Obs 38.20 S  
Long by Chron 65.50 W



# Log Book of The Ship Niagara of Fairhaven

October 1851

Tuesday Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Strong Gale from S.S.W Ship under double reef top sails and Courses Course E at 9 p.m. took in Sail too a Close reef Main top sail and reef fore sail and left too the wind

Middle part the same

Latter part More Moderate Set whole top sails Course E one man sick

Lat by obs 39.28 N

Long by Chron 62.50 W

Wednesday Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part fresh breezes from S.W with pleasant weather Ship under top sails and Courses

Course E

Middle and latter part Strong wind with heavy rain Squalls Ship Under Short sail Course E.S.E. one man sick

Lat by obs 39.40 N  
Long by Chron 55.40 W

Thursday Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Strong wind from S.S.W with Squally weather Ship Under Close reef top sails and reefed Courses Course E

Middle part light air and variable with rain  
Latter part Strong breezes from S.E with heavy weather Course E.S.E.

Lat by 39.00 N  
Long by 55.00 W

Friday Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Strong wind from S.E with rainy weather

Ship Under double reefed top sails and Courses Course S.E. by E

Middle and latter part the same at 9 a.m. had a Brig steering to the Eastward

Lat by obs 39.57 N  
Long by Cal 54.00 W



## Benjamin Clough Master

October 1851 Saturday Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Strong breezes from S E with Cloudy weather  
 Ship Under double reefed top sails and Easier Course S E by  
 E Middle part pleasant with variable winds  
 latter part Strong breezes from S E  
 all hands Employed in Ships duty such as  
 Polishing out water &c Lat by obs 38,20 N  
 Long by chro 47,30 W

Sunday Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part fresh breezes from S E and Cloudy weather  
 Course S E  
 Middle and latter part fresh breezes from E S E  
 with Clear pleasant weather Lat by obs 36,57 N  
 Long by chro 43,30 W

Monday Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part fresh breezes from E S E to E with Clear  
 pleasant weather Ship Under top Gallant sails  
 heading from S E to S S E  
 Middle and latter light breezes and variable  
 all hands Employed in Ships duty and one pinback  
 shawl Lat by obs 36,48 N  
 Long by chro 42,50 W

Tuesday Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 1851

Fore part light air and variable with Clear  
 pleasant weather Ship Under top Gallant sails  
 heading to the Southward at 4 p m tacked ship  
 heading to the Northward and Eastward  
 Middle and latter part fresh breezes from S W  
 Course S E by S had a number of hump Backs  
 all hands Employed in Ships duty Lat by obs 33,32 N  
 Long by chro 39,30 W

Wednesday Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> 1851

Fore part fresh breezes from S W with pleasant  
 weather Ship Under top Gallant sails Course S E by S  
 Middle and latter part Strong breezes from S W  
 with heavy rain squalls Lat by obs 34,10 N  
 Long by chro 38,00 W



Log Book of The Ship Niagara of Fairhaven  
October 1851 Thursday Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> 1851

Fore part Strong winds from S.W. with Clear weather  
Ship Under Main top Gallant sail Course S.E. by S  
Middle and latter part fresh breezes from S.W. to W.  
with pleasant weather Course S.E.  
All hands Employed in Ships duty

Lat by obs 28.40 N  
Long by Chron 33.41 W

Friday Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part fresh breezes from W. with pleasant weather  
Ship Under top Gallant sail Course S by E & E  
Middle and latter part light breezes from W.  
weather pleasant Course S by E & E all hands Employed  
in Ships duty such as Lashing up spars &c

Lat by obs 26.51 N  
Long by Chron 33.00 W

Saturday Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Light breezes from W. with Clear pleasant  
weather Ship Under top Gallant sail Course S  
Middle and latter part Light breezes from S and  
S.E. with pleasant weather All hands Employed  
in breaking out water and Hoops and other Ships duty

Lat by obs 25.00 N  
Long by Chron 34.40 W

Sunday Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Light breezes from S.E. with pleasant  
weather Ship Under top Gallant sail Course S by E  
Middle and latter part the same Saw a Number  
of small vessels steering to the S.W.

Lat by obs 23.05 N  
Long by Chron 36.06 W



## Benjamin Clough Master

October 1851

Monday Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Light breezes from S with pleasant weather  
 Ship Under top Gallant sails Course S by E by Compass  
 Middle and latter part Light wind from S w Course  
 S all hands Employed in Ships duty took as fitting  
 and setting up rigging  
 Lat by obs 21.46 S  
 Long by obs 29.36 W

Tuesday Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Light wind from S w with pleasant weather  
 Ship Under all Sail Course S by Compass  
 Middle and latter part fresh breezes from S w to S  
 Ship heading to the S E all hands Employed in  
 setting up rigging and other Ships duty  
 Lat by obs 19.20 S  
 Long by obs 27.32 W

Wednesday Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Light breezes from S with pleasant weather  
 Ship on the Eastward tack  
 Middle and latter part Light airs and variable  
 all hands Employed in setting up rigging and other  
 Ships duty at 8 a m saw the Island of St Anthony  
 bearing S E 40 miles distant  
 Lat by obs 15.10 S  
 Long by obs 26.30 W

Thursday Oct 30<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Light airs and variable with pleasant  
 weather  
 Middle and latter part the same all hands  
 Employed in setting up the lower rigging  
 Lat by obs 13.00 S  
 Long by obs 27.14 W

Friday Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 1851

Fore part Light airs and calm wind fine weather  
 Middle and latter part Light breezes and variable  
 from S to E Course S by Compass  
 all hands Employed in Ships duty at 2 p m  
 saw a ship Steaming to the Southward  
 Lat by obs 16.18 S  
 Long by obs 26.52 W



# Log Book of The Ship Niagara of

November 1851

Saturday Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 1851

Fore part fresh breezes from E with pleasant weather  
Ship Under all Sail Course S by W by Compass  
Middle part Strong breezes from E S E and Clear  
weather Latter part Strong wind with rain squalls  
at 8 a m took in the top Gallant sails and Clewed  
down the top sails wind variable

Lat by obs 13° 15' S  
Long by Chron 26 54 W

Sunday Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 1851

Fore part fresh breezes from S E with pleasant  
weather Ship Under main top Gallant Sail  
Course S by W by Compass

Middle and Latter part the same

Lat by obs 10° 13' S  
Long by Chron 26 46 W

Monday Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 1851

Fore part Light breezes from E with Clear weather  
Ship Under all Sail Course S by W by Compass  
Middle and latter part Light wind and variable  
with squally weather Course the same one Sail  
in sight

Lat by obs 9° 50' S  
Long by Chron 26 25 W

Tuesday Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Light variable winds with heavy rain  
squalls Course S by W by Compass

Middle part the same Latter part Light air  
and pleasant at 8 a m Sounded for Black fish  
Three sails in sight

Lat by obs 7° 30' S  
Long by Chron 26 00 W

Wednesday Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Light variable winds with pleasant weather  
Middle and latter part Strong wind with rain  
squalls a number of strange sails in sight

Lat by obs 5° 33' S  
Long by Chron 26 15 W



# Quirkharen Benjamin Clough Master

November 1851

Thursday Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Light air and variable with pleasant weather  
Ship Under all sail working to the South  
Middle and latter part Calm all hands Employed  
in Ships duty a Number of strange sails in sight

Lat by obs 5. 56 S  
Long by Cal 26. 00 W

Friday Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Light air and Calm with pleasant weather  
Middle and latter part the same all hands Employed  
in stowing down and Chasing Black fish the Starboard  
Boat caught Two

Lat by obs 5. 51 S  
Long by Cal 26. 00 W

Saturday Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Calm and fine weather Middle part the same  
Latter part Light air from E S E Course S by W by Compass  
Two sails in sight saw a Number of Schools of Porpoises  
all hands Employed in towing down and other Ships duty

Lat by obs 5. 45 S  
Long by Obs 26. 00 W

Sunday Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Light air from E S E with pleasant weather  
Course S by W by Compass Two strange sails in sight  
Middle and latter part the same

Lat by obs 5. 02 S  
Long by Obs 26. 15 W

Monday Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Light breezes from S E by E with pleasant  
weather Course S by W by Compass  
Middle part the same

Latter part fresh breezes from S S E Ship heading  
S by Compass Three sails in sight

Lat by obs 3. 20 S  
Long by Obs 26. 56 W



Log Book of the Ship *Argentine*  
November 1851

Tuesday Nov<sup>r</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore mast fresh breeze from S.E. with fine fair  
thin under all sail heading S.W. by Compass  
Middle mast strong breeze from S.W.  
Latter mast fresh breeze with pleasant weather  
Ship heading S.W. by Compass true Sails in sight  
Lat by obs 13° 1'  
Long by Chron 29 11 11

Wednesday Nov<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore mast fresh breeze from S.E. with pleasant  
weather Ship heading S.W. by Compass  
Middle and latter mast fresh breeze from S.E.  
Ship heading S.W. the water employed in  
Ship's duty Lat by obs 12 58  
Long by Chron 30 11

Thursday Nov<sup>r</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore mast fresh breeze from S.E. with pleasant  
weather Ship under all sail heading S.W.  
by Compass  
Middle and latter mast fresh breeze from S.W.  
Change signal with Buoy Steaming S.W.  
the water employed in making out the bottom  
Specks Lat by obs 3, 55 1  
Long by Chron 31, 13 11

Friday Nov<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore mast fresh breeze from S.E. with pleasant  
weather Ship heading S.W. by Compass  
Middle and latter mast fresh breeze from E.S.E.  
Course S.W. by Compass employed in the bottom  
Decks and other Ship's duty Lat by obs 7 00 1  
Long by Chron 32 11 11



# Kirkham Benjamin Clough Master

November 1851

Saturday Nov<sup>r</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part fresh trades from the S E and fine weather Ship under all Sail Course S by W by Compass

Middle and latter part fresh breezes Ship heading S and S E and S by W

Lat by obs 10, 24 S

Long by Chron 33, 24 W

Sunday Nov<sup>r</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Light breezes from E S E with pleasant weather

Ship under all Sail heading S by Compass

Middle and latter part fresh breezes

Lat by obs 13, 19 S

Long by Chron 32, 50 W

Monday Nov<sup>r</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Light breezes from E S E with pleasant weather Ship heading S by Compass

Middle and latter part fresh breezes from E

Ship heading S E by Compass the watches employed in Ships duty saw several hump back whales

Lat by obs 15, 00 S

Long by Chron 32, 41 W

Tuesday Nov<sup>r</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Light breezes from E with clear weather

Ship heading S S E by Compass

Middle and latter part Light airs and variable

Course S E by S by Compass

Lat by obs 16, 44 S

Long by Chron 32, 16 W

Wednesday Nov<sup>r</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Light airs from S E with clear weather

Ship under all Sail Course S E by S by Compass

Middle and latter part Light airs and calm

Lat by obs 17, 16 S

Long by Chron 32, 00 W

Thursday Nov<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Light airs and calms and clear weather

Middle part the same

Latter part Light breezes from S E Course S E by S

Lat by obs 17, 56 S

Long by Chron 29, 15 W



# Log Book of The Ship Singara

November 1851

Friday Nov 21<sup>st</sup> 1851

Fore part Light breezes from S E and S with pleasant weather Course S E by S by Compass

Middle and latter part Course S by Compass at 10 a.m. saw the Island of Martin. Vis bearing S by E 20 Miles distant

Lat by obs 20° 15' S  
Long by Chron 29° 35' W

Saturday Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> 1851

Fore part Light breezes from S E with pleasant weather at 2 p.m. off the Island of Martin. Vis Capt went in Shore at 4 p.m. Course on board was kept off Course S S E by Compass

Middle and latter part the same Employed in Clearing them

Lat by obs 22° 19' S  
Long by Chron 28° 38' W

Sunday Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 1851

Fore part Light wind from S E and pleasant weather Course S S E by Compass

Middle part the same

Latter part Course S E by S by Compass at 6 a.m. saw a Brig sailing to the Eastward

Lat by obs 24° 11' S  
Long by Chron 28° 50' W

Monday Nov 24<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Light breezes from S E with clear weather Course S E by S by Compass

Middle part the same. Latter part fresh breezes at 12 noon Changed signals with the Ship and 3 Masted of London and must be steering S E by S Employed in Service upon the Main Royal yard and fore top Mast. Sailing Tail Booms

Lat by obs 26° 06' S  
Long by Chron 28° 00' W



Kearham Benjamin Clough Master

November 1851

Tuesday Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part fresh breezes from S E and pleasant weather  
Ship Under all Sail Course S E by S by Compass

Middle part the same

Lat by acct 25.00 S  
Long by acct 20.00 W

Wednesday Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part fresh breezes from S and S W with thick  
sailing weather Ship Under all Sail Course S E by S  
by Compass

Middle and latter part fresh breezes and variable from  
S W to S S W and clear weather. Saw a number of  
Fin Back Whales Course S E by S Lat by acct 30.00 S

Long by acct 18.35 W

Thursday Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Light wind from S W with pleasant weather  
Course S E by S by Compass

Middle part Light air Latter part Calm

The Duties Employed in Ship's Boat Lat by acct 30.30 S  
Long by acct 19.00 W

Friday Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Light air from the Eastward with pleasant  
weather Course S S E by Compass

Middle part fresh breezes Ship heading S by E  
Latter part Stormy wind and thick heavy

weather at 6 a m took in the top gallant sail  
at 8 a m double reefed the top sail and took in the

Main Sail Ship heading S by Compass

Lat by acct 31.25 S

Long by acct 16.50 W

Saturday Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Stormy wind from E S E with thick sailing  
weather Ship Under double reefed top sail

heading S by Compass

Middle part the same

Latter part Stormy breezes from S E and thick weather

Ship heading S W by S

Lat by acct 32.50 S

Long by acct 16.40 W



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December 1851

Sunday Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part strong breezes from S.E. and variable  
weather Ship Under double reefed top sails and courses  
heading S.E. by Compass at 9 p.m. fore ship  
heading E. Middle part the same

Letter part Light breezes from S at 5 a.m.

Made all sail Ship heading E.S.E. by Compass  
Lat by obs 35.11.5  
Long by obs 16.25.0

Monday Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1851

Fore part Light breezes from S with pleasant weather  
Ship Under all sail heading E.S.E. by Compass  
at 4 p.m. saw a school of Black fish several  
and caught two small ones

Middle part Calm Letter part Light breezes  
from S.E. and pleasant weather Course S.E. by  
Compass Employed in trying out Black fish and  
fitting Blue pendants to the Ladies yards

Lat by obs 35.20.5  
Long by obs 16.35.0

Tuesday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 1851

Fore part Light breezes from S.E. with clear weather  
Ship Under all sail Course S.E. by Compass

Middle and Letter part fresh breezes at 8 a.m.

Made the Western Islands the Island of Tristan  
da Cunha bearing S.E. by S 50 Miles distant

Lat by obs 37.00.5  
Long by obs 2.15.0

Wednesday Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 1851

Fore part fresh breezes from S.E. and pleasant  
weather Course S.E. by S Steaming for the Land

at 4 p.m. three Boats went in chase a fishery  
at 5 p.m. spoke the Brigge Sarah of Matamoras

Middle and Letter part strong breezes from S.E.  
Course S.E. by Compass at 10 a.m. took in the top gallant  
sails at 12 noon double reefed the fore sail

Lat by obs 38.20.5  
Long by obs 9.13.0



# Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master

December 1851

Thursday Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part strong breeze from S E with pleasant weather Ship Under all Sail heading S E by E by Compass

Middle and Latter part fresh Gales and thick weather at 5 a m took in the gale and reefed the Main Course at 10 a m Close reefed the fore and Mizen top-sails

Lat by obs 39.40 S  
Long by Chron 8.00 W

Friday Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part fresh Gales from S E with thick rainy weather Ship Under Close reefed top-sails and reefed Main Course E S E by Compass

Middle and Latter part fresh Gales from S with thick rainy weather Course E by S by Compass

Lat by obs 40.00 S  
Long by Chron 4.39 W

Saturday Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part fresh Gales from S and S E with thick rainy weather Course E by S by Compass

Middle part the same

Latter part Light wind from S and Clear weather at 6 a m Made all sail and a number of Fin Back Whales and Great numbers of Birds

Lat by obs 44.30 S  
Long by Chron 1.21 W

Sunday Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part fresh breeze from S W with Clear weather

Ship Under all Sail Course E by S by Compass

Middle and Latter part fresh Gales from N W to N at 7 a m Saw two Right Whales and lowered the Stowage Boat and the whales ran off to the windward quick

Lat by obs 38.30 S  
Long by Chron 1.40 W



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December 1851

Monday Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part fresh breezes from E with clear weather  
Ship Under all Sail Course E S E by Compass  
Middle and Latter part fresh Gale from S S E  
and at 1. Saw a number of Fin Back whales and  
large number of Birds Lat by obs 35.55 S  
Long by Chron 160.00 E

Tuesday Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part fresh Gale from S with pleasant weather  
Ship Under all Sail Course E S E by Compass  
Middle and Latter part fresh Gale from S S E  
Ship heaving E by S by Compass at 4 a m took in  
the top Gullant Sails and Flying jib. Lat by obs 34.00 S  
Long by Chron 14.00 E

Wednesday Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part fresh Gale from S S E with pleasant  
weather Ship Under top Sails and Courses heaving  
E by S by Compass  
Middle and Latter part the same at 1 a m  
double reefed the top Sails Lat by obs 35.45 S  
Long by Chron 44.51 E

Thursday Dec 11 1851

Fore part strong Gale from S S E and  
cloudy weather Ship heaving E and E by S  
by Compass at 1 p m reefed the Courses  
and Close reefed the fore and Mizzen top Sails  
and took in the jib

Middle and Latter part the same

at 12 noon wore Ship heaving to the westward  
Lat by obs 35.40 S  
Long by obs 42.30 E

Friday Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part fresh Gale from S with clear weather  
Ship lying to on the westward tack

Middle and Latter part of Moderate breezes  
from S S E at 8 p m wore Ship heaving  
S E and set double reefed top Sails and  
Courses Lat by obs 35.30 S  
Long by Chron 43.35 E



# Riikhuven Benjamin Clough Master

December 1851

Saturday Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part fresh breezes from S.W. with pleasant weather  
Ship heading S.E. by Compass

Middle and Latter part Moderate breezes the Dutch  
Employed in Baking out Sloops and Coopering Bread and  
Flour

Lat by obs 36.05 S  
Long by Chron 16.00 E

Sunday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Moderate breezes from S.W. with pleasant  
weather Course S.E. by S. by Compass

Middle and Latter part Light wind and variable  
Saw a great many Black Fish Landed and Caught Seven  
one Sail in Sight Two men Sick

Monday Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Light wind from N.W. with Clear weather  
Course S.E. by S. by Compass

Middle part the same Latter part Light wind  
from W. Course S.S.E. by Compass one Sail in Sight  
Two men Sick

Lat by obs 36.37 S  
Long by Chron 18.05 E

Tuesday Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Light breezes from W. with pleasant weather  
Ship Under all Sail Course S.S.E. by Compass

Middle part the same  
Latter part Strong wind from N.W. Course  
S.E. by Compass one man Sick at 9 a.m.

Saw a Ship steering S.E. Lat by obs 37.40 S  
Long by Chron 21.00 E

Wednesday Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Strong Gales from N.W. with Clear weather  
Ship Under all Sail Course S.E. by Compass

Middle and Latter part the same at 9 p.m.  
passed a whale ship steering S.E.

Lat by obs 38.15 S  
Long by Chron 26.00 E



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December 1851

Thursday Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part fresh Gales from S W with Clear weather  
Course S E by E by Compass

Middle part fresh Gales and Squally

Latter part pleasant

Lat by obs 38.10 S

Long by Chron 30.00 E

Friday Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Moderate breezes from S W with pleasant  
weather a Gale S.W. from the Westward Ship Under  
all sail Course S E by E by Compass

Middle part Light air and variable

Latter part increasing breezes from S E

Lat by obs 38.00 S

Long by Chron 31.00 E

Saturday Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part, fresh breeze from S E with Clear weather  
Ship Under all sail Course S E by E by Compass

Middle and latter part fresh Gales at 8  
p.m. took in the top Gallant Sails at 1 a.m.  
double down the top sails and at 2 a.m. took  
in the main sail

Lat by obs 39.05 S

Long by Chron 35.00 E

Sunday Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 1851

Fore part Strong Gales from S E and Cloudy  
weather Ship Under double reefed top sails and  
reefed Courses Course S E by E by Compass

Middle and latter part More Moderate Set

whole top sails and Courses

Lat by obs 39.25 S

Long by Chron 39.40 E

Monday Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 1851

Fore part fresh breezes from S E with variable weather  
Ship Under whole top sails and Courses Course  
S E by E by Compass

Middle and latter part Moderate breezes  
and Clear weather Course E S E by Compass

Took a Breeze to the Westward Steering to the Eastward

Lat by obs 39.35 S

Long by Chron 43.30 E



# Kishoreen Benjamin Clough Master

December 1851

Tuesday Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 1851

Fore part Moderate breezes from S E with Clear weather  
Ship Under all sail Course E S E by Compass

Middle and Latter part fresh Gales and thick weather  
took in the top Gallant sails and double reefed the top sails  
one Sail in sight a Brig Steering E S E two men Sick

Lat by dr 39.25 S

Long by dr 47.30 E

Wednesday Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part fresh Gales from S E with thick weather Course  
E S E by Compass

Middle part fresh Gales with heavy rain squalls  
at 3 a m the wind hauled suddenly to the S W

Close reefed the fore and Mizzen top sails and furled the  
Main sail Latter part fresh Windy breezes at 7 a m

Set double reefed fore and Mizzen top sail and single  
reefed Main with main top Gallant sail aired  
two men Sick

Lat by dr 39.18 S

Long by Chr 52.30 E

Thursday Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part fresh breezes from S W with Clear weather  
Ship Under single reefed top sails with top Gallant  
sails over Course E S E by Compass

Middle and Latter part Moderate breezes and  
pleasant Employed in Coopering provisions and  
other ships duty

Lat by dr 38.40 S

Long by Chr 56.30 E

Friday Dec 26<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Moderate breezes and Cloudy Ship Under  
all sail Course E S E by Compass

Middle and Latter part light air and variable  
with pleasant weather. Had a number of Tin buck  
Wholes three men Sick

Lat by dr 38.18 S

Long by dr 58.00 E



# Log Book of The Ship Mayana of December 1851

Saturday Dec 27<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Light airs from S E with pleasant weather Course E S E by Compass

Middle part fresh breezes Course S E by E

Latter part Light breezes and thick foggy weather at 6 a M saw a Ship to the Seaward Steering

E S E three men Sick No Observations Lat by dr 38 00 S  
Long by dr 60 00 E

Sunday Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part Light breezes from N E with thick foggy weather Course S E by E by Compass

Middle part fresh breezes from S E to S with variable weather Course S E by E by Compass

Latter part fresh breezes from S to S W and W with variable weather three men Sick No Observations  
Lat by dr 38 16 S  
Long by dr 62 30 E

Monday Dec 29<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part fresh breezes from W to S W and S with variable weather Ship Under all sail Course S E by E & E by Compass

Middle and latter part fresh breezes from S with thick weather Course E S E by Compass

at 10 a M changed signals with an American Ship Steering E No Observations  
Lat by dr 38 00 S  
Long by dr 65 00 E

Tuesday Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 1851

Fore part fresh breezes from S with variable weather Ship Under all sail Course E by S by Compass

Middle and latter part Moderate breezes and thick weather wind variable Middle part Ship headed to the Southward and Eastward at 6 a M tacked Ship to the Southward No Observations two men Sick  
Lat by dr 38 20 S  
Long by dr 69 00 E



# Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master

January 1852

Wednesday Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1851

Fore part Moderate breezes and variable with thick weather  
Middle part Moderate breezes from S W Course S E by E & E  
by Compass

Latter part Light airs and variable with clear weather  
got one observation

Lat by obs 38.00 S

Long by Chron 70 40 E

Thursday Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1852

Fore part Light increasing breezes from N E Course E S E  
by Compass

Middle part fresh breezes from N E and S W  
with heavy rain. Squalls took in the top Gullust  
Sails and double reefed the top sails

Latter part pleasant Made all Sail Course  
E S E

Lat by obs 34.10 S

Long by Chron 75.00 E

Friday Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh breezes from S W and W with pleasant  
weather. Ship Under all Sail Course E S E by Compass

Middle part Strong wind from W Course E by S by  
Compass

Latter part Strong wind from W and S W at 5 a m  
Saw the Land the Island of St. Pauls or Amsterdam Island  
at 7 a m the Land bore S by Compass 20 Miles distant

Saturday Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 1852

Fore part Moderate breezes from S W with pleasant

weather Land in sight Ship Under all Sail  
working in towards the Land Saw Boats lying off and  
on the Land at 7 p m Spoke the Boats. Municipal City  
of New Bedford

Middle and Latter part fresh Gales from S W  
at 6 a m Ship Close in to the Land three Boats  
went in. There a Fishing



Log Book of The Ship *Kyuguru* of  
January 1852

Sunday Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine part strong Gales from N.W. and Clear weather Ship Close in Under the Land three Boats in Shore a Fishing at 7 p.m. the Boats came on Board Middle and latter part Moderate breezes from N.W. and pleasant weather at 9 a.m. the the Boats went in Shore and a Ship to the Seaward

Monday Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine part fresh breezes from N.W. and Clear weather Ship Sailing off and on the Land three Boats in Shore at 5 p.m. the Boats came on board Middle and latter part fresh Gales and Cloudy Course E.S.E. by Compass the watch Employed in Cleaning and Salting Fish

Lat by obs 38.00 S  
Long by obs 81.00 E

Tuesday Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine part strong Gales from N. with thick squally driving weather Course E.S.E. by Compass

Middle and latter part strong breezes from W. and Clear weather Course E by S. by Compass

Lat by obs 37.30 S  
Long by obs 85.30 E

Wednesday Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine part fresh breezes from W. and S.W. with Clear weather Ship Under all Sail Course E by S. by Compass

Middle and latter part Light Variable wind and pleasant weather

Lat by obs 36.56 S  
Long by obs 89.15 E



# Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master

January 1852

Thursday Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Light air and calm and pleasant weather  
Course E by S by Compass

Middle and Latter part fresh breezes from N E and S  
Course E by S by S

Lat by obs 36.00 S

Long by Chron 91.00 E

Friday Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh breezes from N with clear weather

Ship Under all sail Course E S E by Compass

Middle part Moderate breezes and pleasant

Latter part Moderate breezes and foggy

Lat by obs 34.00 S

Long by Chron 95.00 E

Saturday Jan 10<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Moderate winds and variable with  
pleasant weather Course S E by E by Compass

Middle and Latter part - Moderate breezes from S W

Saw a number schools of porpoises employed in Coopering

Bread and other ships duty

Lat by obs 32.40 S

Long by Chron 96.40 E

Sunday Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh breezes from N W and S with pleasant  
weather Course S E by E by Compass

Middle and Latter part - fresh breezes from S to

E S E and Cloudy Course S E by E

Lat by obs 30.00 S

Long by obs 100.00 E

Monday Jan 12<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh breezes from E S E and Cloudy weather

Course S E by E by Compass

Middle and Latter part the same

Lat by obs 28.25 S

Long by Chron 101.02 E



# Log Book of The Ship Kinguin

January 1852

Tuesday Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh breezes from E & S E and Clear weather Course S E by Compass

Middle and latter part Strong S E Trades at 8 p M took in the top Gallant sails at 9 p M double reefed the fore and main sails course S E by Compass

Lat by obs 26 25.5  
Long by obs 103.40 E

Wednesday Jan 14<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Strong S E trades and Cloudy weather Ship Under top sail and Courses Course S E by Compass

Middle and latter part Strong winds and Clear Course S E by S by Compass

Lat by obs 22 55.5  
Long by obs 105.00 E

Thursday Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh breezes from S E with pleasant weather Course S E by S by Compass

Middle and latter part Moderate breezes from S and S W with fine weather Course the same S E by S the watch Employed in fitting the main top Gallant studding sail leech and other rigging duty

Lat by obs 20.00 S  
Long by obs 107.00 E

Friday Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh breezes from S with pleasant weather Course S E by S by Compass

Middle and latter part Light breezes from S W and fine weather Course S E by Compass

Lat by obs 18.20 S  
Long by obs 108.45 E

Saturday Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 1852

All these 24 hours Light breezes from S W with pleasant weather Course S E by Compass

Lat by obs 17.00 S  
Long by obs 109.50 E



# Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master

January 1852

Sunday Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Light breezes from S W with pleasant weather  
Course N E by Compass

Middle and Latter part the same at 12 Midnight  
Saw a Ship on the wind heading to the Southward and  
Eastward

Lat by Obs 48° 45' S  
Long by Chron 111° 20' E

Monday Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh breezes from S with Cloudy weather  
Course N E by Compass

Middle and Latter part Strong breezes from W  
and Squally Course N E by E by Compass  
at 10 a.m. Saw a Barge Steering to the Southward

Lat by Obs 42° 55' S  
Long by Chron 113° 25' E

Tuesday Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Strong Gale from W and Squally  
weather Course N E by E by Compass

Middle and Latter part the same

at 3 o'clock Lat by Obs 40° 45' S  
Long by Chron 112° 09' E

Wednesday Jan 21<sup>st</sup> 1852

Fore part Strong Gale from W and Squally  
Course N E by E by Compass

Middle and Latter part Strong gales with  
Heavy rain Squalls at 10 p.m. took in all Sail  
down to a Close reefed Main top sail and Luffed

to the wind heading S S W at 5 a.m. let the  
fore and Mizzen top sails Close reefed and  
kept off Course E N E by Compass at 8 a.m. Made  
Land the Bluff or West point of Starved Head Island  
heading N by Compass Distance 20 Miles

Lat at noon by Obs 40° 33' S  
Long by Chron 120° 26' E



# Log Book of The Ship Niagara of

January 1852

Thursday Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> 1852

Fore part Strong Gale from W with Heavy rain  
Squalls Ship Under Close reefed top sails and fore sail  
Course E S E at 7 p.m. the East End of Sumner Head 16 miles  
Middle part Moderate breezes from W and S W  
Course S E by E latter part fresh increasing breezes  
and Clear weather Course E S E at 2 p.m. Sailed in  
Ship to the Southward running before the wind

Lat by obs 9 00 S  
Long by Chron 123 16 E

Friday Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> 1852

Fore part Strong breezes from W and S W  
with thick weather Course E S E Sailed in sight  
Middle part Moderate breezes from S W  
latter part fresh breezes from S W and S  
and Clear weather at 8 p.m. Luffed too with  
the main yard aback at 5 a.m. kept off  
and made all sail Course E S E Sailed in  
sight on both sides

Lat 8 00 S  
Long 123 30 E

Saturday Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part light winds and variable with pleasant  
weather Sailed in sight last too on both sides

Middle and latter part fresh breezes  
and Squalls from W and S W Course

S by W by Compass

Lat by obs 6 18 S  
Long by Chron 123 11 E

Sunday Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part light breezes from W with pleasant  
weather Course S by Compass

Middle and latter part Strong breezes  
in Squalls and heavy rain Showers Course S  
Three men sick

Lat by obs 5 00 S  
Long by Chron 123 50 E



# Fairbairn Benjamin Clough Master

January 1852

Monday Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Light breezes and variable and pleasant weather Ship Under all Sail Course S by Compass at 4 p m Saw the Island the Occupin. Bay of Lucepore Island the West End bearing S by Compass 20 Miles distant

Middle and Latter part Light air and Calm with heavy rain Squalls Land in Sight Course S W three men sick

Tuesday Jan 27<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Light air and Calm and heavy rain. Thence the Dutch Employed in Ketching dates

Middle part Moderate breezes and variable Course S W Latter part fresh breezes from S W Course S E Land in sight the Island of Lucepore one Sail in sight at 6 p m the Starboard Boat lowered and Caught a Turtle Three men sick

Wednesday Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Light air and Calm with pleasant weather Course S E by E one Sail in Sight

Middle and Latter part the same Land in Sight Saw a Barge Steering to the Southward.

Saw Grate quantities of drift Wood took on tree on board two men sick Lat by obs 2...20 S Long by Chron 126...50 E

Thursday Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Light air from S W with pleasant weather Course E S E Land in Sight

Middle part Calm Latter part Light air Course S E Land in Sight two men sick

Friday Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Light air and variable and pleasant Middle part Calm

Latter part fresh breezes and variable with rain Squalls Course S E at 9 a m Saw two Sails a Barge and Schooner Steering to the North East two men sick

Lat by obs 1 28 S

Long by Chron 128...45 E



# Log Book of The Ship Niagara of February 1852

Saturday Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 1852

Fore part Moderate breezes and variable with Rain.  
Course S S E Middle part Calm  
Latter part Light air from S W and pleasant  
Course S by W Land in sight at 6 p m Spoke  
the Schooner Minerva of Boston 12 days out bound  
to China

Sunday Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 1852

Fore part Light air from S W and pleasant weather  
Course S S E in company with the Schooner Minerva  
of Boston Middle part Calm  
Latter part Light breezes from W and Clear  
at 10 a m saw a school of Black fish Several  
all four boats the bow boat struck and drew  
two sails in sight a Schooner and Bark bound  
through the Gilolo passage the Island of Gilolo  
in sight Course S E two men sick

Lat by obs 00, 10 S  
Long by Chron 128, 00 E

Monday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 1852

Fore part Light breezes from S with Clear weather  
Course S E the Island of Gilolo in sight two Canoes came off  
Middle and latter part Moderate breezes with  
Rain squalls Course S E by E one man sick

Tuesday Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh breezes from S W with thick  
squally weather Course E S E  
Middle part pleasant  
Latter part fresh breezes with rain squalls  
at 4 p m made the Asia Islands bearing S E  
by compass 40 miles distant Middle part lay  
too off the Island at 7 a m three boats went  
in shore for Turtle and caught 10  
one man sick



Niuharee Benjamin Clough Master  
February 1852

Wednesday Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 1852

All these 24 hours Moderate breezes and variable with  
rain squalls Ship Sailing off and on the Asia Islands  
all hands Employed in catching and taking off  
Turtle took on board 28 in all Saw a number of  
Natives Employed in Curing Turtle Meat  
one man sick

Thursday Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Light variable wind with heavy rain showers  
Middle part fresh breezes and variable with rain squalls  
Course E S E Latter part Light breezes from S E and  
pleasant the watch Employed in Ships duty such as  
Repairing the Starboard Boat & one man sick

Lat by obs 00.56 N

Long by Chron 132.06 E

Friday Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 1852

All these 24 hours Light variable breezes with  
pleasant weather Course E S E by Compass  
Employed in painting Boats and other Ships  
duty one man sick

Lat by obs 00.56 N

Long by Chron 133.06 E

Saturday Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh breezes from N with pleasant weather  
Course E S E by Compass  
Middle part Moderate breezes from S W and S  
Latter part fresh breezes and variable with rain  
squalls Course S E by E by Compass Three men sick

Lat by obs 01.30 N

Long by Chron 134.50 E

Sunday Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Light breezes and variable with pleasant weather  
Course S E  
Middle and Latter part Light air and calm  
Two men sick

Lat by obs

Long by Chron



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February 1852

Monday Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Light airs and variable with pleasant weather

Middle part Calm

After part Light breezes from N. W. and S.

Course E by S Three men sick

Lat by obs 02 05 N

Long by Chron 36 00 E

Tuesday Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Moderate breezes from N. W. with pleasant weather Course E by S by Compass

Middle part the same

After part Moderate breezes from S. E. and

pleasant Two men sick

Lat by obs 02 10 N

Long by Chron 37 50 E

Wednesday Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Moderate breezes from S. with pleasant weather Course E by S

Middle part Light variable wind with rain & squalls

After part Light airs and calm and pleasant

Employed in Painting Boats and other Ship's duty

Two men sick

Lat by obs 02 00 N

Long by Chron 39 50 E

Thursday Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Light airs and calm and fine weather

Middle part Light breezes from S Course E S E

After part Moderate breezes from S and N. W.

Course S E and one fine Back Whale Four men sick

Friday Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Moderate breezes and variable with squally weather

Middle and After part Moderate breezes from N. W. and pleasant Course S E by Compass

Four men sick

Lat by obs 02 45 N

Long by Chron 42 50 E



Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master  
February 1852

Saturday Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Moderate breezes from S W and Cloudy  
weather Course S E by E Compass

Large Swell Running from the S E

Middle part the Same

Latter part Light airs from S W and pleasant  
Course S E by E Employed in setting Up the fore  
and Aft Stays five men sick Lat by obs 03.45 N  
Long by Chron 144.00 E

Sunday Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Light airs and variable and pleasant  
Middle and latter part fresh breezes from  
E with Clear weather Course S E by S by Compass  
Four men sick Lat by obs 05.30 N

Long by Chron

Monday Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh breezes from E to S E and pleasant  
Ship heaving S and S by E by Compass  
Middle part the Same at 6 a.m. the Wind hauled  
suddenly to the S W with heavy rain squalls  
Latter part fresh breezes and variable with rain  
Course S by E Four men sick Lat by obs 7.30 N

Tuesday Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Light breezes and variable with pleasant  
weather Land in sight the New Philippine or Caroline

Islands at 3 p.m. three Canoes came a long side

Middle and latter part Moderate breezes from  
E and pleasant Course S by Compass three men sick  
Employed in Repairing the Main top Sail

Lat by obs 08.10 N  
Long by Chron 146.09 E



Log Book of The Ship Kugura of  
February 1852

Wednesday Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Moderate breezes from E with pleasant weather  
Course N by W by Compass

Middle part Moderate breezes with rain squalls

Latter part fresh breezes from S E and pleasant  
Course N by W Employed in Repairing the Brigger  
top Sail Three men Sick

Lat by obs 12 18 S

Long by Chron 145 22 E

Thursday Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh breezes from S E with pleasant  
weather Course N by W by Compass

Middle and Latter part Moderate breezes from  
S and S E at 12 Midnight luffed too with the

Main yard aback at 6 a M and the Island  
of Guam bearing N by W by Compass 2 1/2 Miles  
distant and kept off for it

Friday Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh breezes from S with pleasant weather  
off the town of Guam at 4 p M the boat went  
on shore at 7 p M the boat came off bringing

yams and potatoes and left the Island Course N

Middle part Moderate breezes and squalls

Latter part fresh breezes and pleasant

Employed in repairing the gill two men Sick

Lat by obs 15 16 S

Long by Chron 144 30 E

Saturday Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh breezes from S with pleasant weather

Ship Hoisted all Sail Course N by Compass

Middle part Moderate breezes

Latter part Light breezes and variable at 9 a M

Saw the Land the Island of Agaña all hands

Employed in Making out the fire Hole and

Starting Coal one man Sick

Lat by obs 17 45 S

Long by Chron 145 20 E



Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master

February 1852

Sunday Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> 1852

Fore part Moderate breezes and variable with pleasant weather

Middle and Latter part Moderate breezes from S E Ship heading S by N by Compass one man sick  
Lat by obs 18.47 N  
Long by Chron 144.30 E

Monday Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh breezes from S E and pleasant

Ship heading S by N

Middle and Latter part the same at 8 a m took in the top Gallant Sails and sent down the fore top sail to repair sent down the main royal yard one man sick

Lat by obs 20.35 N

Long by Chron 142.48 E

Tuesday Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh breezes and Cloudy

Middle and Latter part strong breezes from S E and squally Ship heading from N W to N

The watch Employed in Repairing the Main top Gallant Sail one man sick

Lat by obs 22.21 N

Long by Chron 141.40 E

Wednesday Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh breezes from S E and pleasant

Ship Under double reefed top sails heading S by E

Middle part Moderate breezes from E Course

S by E Latter part Light airs and variable

at 6 a m saw the Island of Augustien on South Island bearing N by W 25 miles distant

Employed in Repairing the fore sail

one man sick

Lat by obs 24.11 N

Long by Chron 141.38 E



Log Book of The Ship Niagara of  
February 1852

Thursday Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Light air and Variable and pleasant  
Course S by E the Island of Augustin in sight  
at 6 p m the Island bore W by S 30 Miles distant

Middle part Light air and variable

Latter part fresh breezes from N and pleasant  
Ship steering by the Wind on the Eastern tack  
Employed in Repairing Sails one Man Sick

Lat by obs 24 45 N  
Long by Chron 142 00 E

Friday Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh breezes from N Ship steering  
by the wind on the Eastern tack at 4 p m tacked  
Ship to the westward

Middle part Moderate breezes and variable

Latter part Light winds from E and S E with  
pleasant weather Course S by W

This morning something came off quite interesting  
seized two men together to stop themselves for yawning

Lat by obs 26 40 N  
Long by Chron 142 43 E

Saturday Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Moderate breezes from S E and

S with Pleasant Weather Course S S W

Middle and Latter part fresh breezes from  
S and S W at 2 a m Topped too with the  
Main Yard Aback at 5 a m Hept off  
Course S W by S at 8 a m Spoke the Ship  
Montpelier Thence New Bedford

Lat by obs 27 59 N  
Long by Chron 142 15 E



Frishtoven Benjamin Clough Muster  
March

Sunday Feb 29<sup>th</sup> 1752

Fore part Strong wind from S W with pleasant weather  
Ship Under all Sail steering by the wind to the  
S E

Middle and Latter part the same

Lat by Obs 25.47 N  
Long by Chron 143 47 E

Monday March 1<sup>st</sup> 1752

Fore part fresh breezes from S W and W with  
pleasant weather Course S by E by Compass  
Middle and Latter part Moderate breezes from N  
Course S by E Employed in setting Up Water  
Shooks and breaking out and Coopering Bread and  
Flour

Lat by Obs 23.25 N  
Long by Chron 144.10 E

Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1752

Fore part Moderate breezes from N with pleasant  
weather Course S by E

Middle part the same

Latter part fresh breezes from N N E Course S  
at 8 a m saw the Land the Island of Parris or Gay  
Rock bearing S S E 30 Miles distant the Watch  
Employed in setting Up Water Shooks and other  
Ships duty

Lat by Obs 20.37 N  
Long by Chron 144.37 E

Wednesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1752

Fore part fresh breezes from N N E and Cloudy  
weather Course S by Compass Land in sight  
Middle and Latter part Strong wind from  
N E and Clear weather Course S by Compass  
Employed in setting Up Water Shooks

Lat by Obs 16.57 N  
Long by Chron 144 18 W



# Log Book of The Ship Niagara of

March 1852

Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Strong Gale from NE and Squally  
Course S S E by Compass

Middle part the same

Letter part Strong Trades at 6 a M Made  
the Land the Island of Rottor at 8 a M  
the Capt went on Shore at 10 a M he  
Came off and Squared away for Quorra  
Sitting to be had at Rottor in Shape of  
Recruits

Friday March 5<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Strong Trades from the NE

Ship Under all Sail sailing for the Island  
of Quorra at 4 p M past the headland  
Saw 7 Ships at Anchor and one lay off  
and on at 7 p M Came too Anchor in  
Amotue Bay

Middle and Letter part Strong Trades with  
Squalls All hands Employed in Getting  
off Water and Stowing down

Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fresh Trades from the NE and pleasant weather  
at 5 a M got Under way and went up to  
the Port Apia at 9 a M Came to Anchor  
at 2 p M the Captain went on Shore all hands  
Employed in Stowing down Water

Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup> 1852

There 24 hours fresh South East Trade winds and fine  
pleasant weather at 7 a M the Starboard Watch  
went on Shore on Liberty Ship Sailing at  
Anchor at port Apia Quorra



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Fiskaren Benjamin Clough Master  
March 1852

Monday March 8<sup>th</sup> 1852

All These 24 hours fresh trade winds from the N E  
and Clear pleasant weather Ship Laying at Anchor  
at port Apra Guam one Watch on Liberty the  
other Employed at Cleaning Ship for painting and  
other various jobs

Tuesday March 9<sup>th</sup> 1852

All These 24 hours fresh S E trades with fine weather  
Ship Laying at Anchor at port Apra Guam  
one Watch on Liberty the other Employed at painting  
Ship and other various jobs

Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup> 1852

All These 24 hours strong trade winds from the N E  
and pleasant weather Ship Laying at Anchor at  
port Apra Guam one Watch on Liberty at  
Sun down the Watch came on board  
Employed in painting Ship and other various jobs

Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup> 1852

All These 24 hours strong wind from N E and  
pleasant Ship Laying at Anchor at port Apra  
Guam at 7 a.m. the Fairboard Watch went on Shore  
on Liberty to stop four days the Station Watch  
Employed at various jobs painting Ship &c

Friday March 12<sup>th</sup> 1852

All These 24 hours strong S E winds and pleasant  
weather Ship Laying at Anchor at Port Apra  
Guam one Watch on Liberty the other Employed  
at various jobs such as Receiving Recruits on  
board and other jobs



# Log Book of The Ship Kuyuan of

March 1852

Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup> 1852

All There 24 hours Strong North East winds and pleasant Weather Ship Lying at Anchors at port Apra Guam one Watch on Liberty the other Employed at Various jobs

Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup> 1852

All There 24 hours Strong North East winds and pleasant Ship at Anchors at port Apra Guam at 6 p m a part of the Watch Came on board at 12 Midnight the rest of the Watch Came on board all accepting the Cook who was Detained in the fort

Monday March 15<sup>th</sup> 1852

All There 24 hours Strong North East winds and pleasant weather All hands on board at 12 Noon the Captain Came on board fetching the Pilot with him and two natives that he shipped

Tuesday March 16<sup>th</sup> 1852 Sea Account

Strong North East winds and pleasant at 2 p m Got Under way at 3 p m the Pilot left Ship Steering by the wind Northward and declared All hands Employed in Stowing the Anchors and Chains Middle and Latter part Strong winds and Cloudy weather Ship Steering by the wind Under topsails and Courses

Lat by Obs 16.20 S

Long by Chron 143.45 E

Wednesday March 17<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Strong North East winds and Cloudy weather Ship Steering by the wind on the fore and Western tack Under all sail Middle part Strong breezes at 11 p m took in the top Gallant sails

Latter part fresh breezes Ship Under top sails and Courses Steering by the wind to the North

Lat by Obs 18.43 N

Long by Chron 142.00 E



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Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master  
March 1852

Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup> 1852  
Fore part fresh breezes from S E and pleasant  
weather. Ship steering by the wind to the North  
Under topsails and Courses  
Middle part the same Latter part Light airs  
and Variable and fine Weather

Lat by Obs 20.20 N  
Long by Obs 142.15 E

Friday Mar 19<sup>th</sup> 1852  
Fore part Light airs from N W and pleasant  
Weather. Course S E  
Middle and Latter part fresh. Increasing breezes  
from N W to S E and squally at 1 a m  
took in the top Gallant sails and double reefed  
the topsails Ship steering by the Wind on the  
Eastern tack at 8 a m Wore Ship to the Westward

Lat by Obs 20.53 N  
Long by Obs 143.00 E

Saturday Mar 20<sup>th</sup> 1852  
Fore part Strong breezes from S E and  
Squally Weather. Ship steering by the Wind  
on the Western tack Under double reefed  
topsails and Courses  
Middle part Light breezes and pleasant at 10 p m  
Made all sail Course N W Latter part Calm  
and fine weather

Lat by Obs 21.56 N  
Long by Obs 141.46 E

Sunday Mar 21<sup>st</sup> 1852  
Fore part fresh. Increasing breezes from S and  
Squally. Ship on the Eastern tack at 4 p m  
took in the top Gallant sails and at 6 p m  
Close reefed the fore and Mizzen topsails and  
double reefed the Main  
Middle part Strong breezes with rain squalls  
Latter part fresh breezes and pleasant at 8 a m  
Set whole topsails at 11 a m took Ship to the  
North West

Lat by Obs 22.14 N  
Long by Obs 142.36 E



# Log Book of The Ship Niagara of March 1852

Monday Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh breezes from S. S. E. and pleasant  
weather Ship steering to the Wind on the Western  
tack Under whole topsails and Courses

Middle part Stormy Wind in Squalls at 4 p.m.  
double reefed the topsails Latter part fresh  
breezes from S. E. to E and pleasant at 5 a.m.

Set whole topsails and topgallantsails Course  
S. by Compass at 9 a.m. Saw St. Augustine or South  
Island bearing by Compass S. S. W 45 Miles distant  
Saw Great Numbers of Hump Back Whales

Tuesday Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh breezes from E to S and  
pleasant Ship with topgallantsails set Course  
S. S. E. by Compass the Island of St. Augustine in

sight Middle and Latter part fresh Gales  
from S to S. W at 1 a.m. took in the top  
gallantsails and double reefed the topsails at  
6 a.m. the wind hauled round to the

North West with heavy rain Squalls Course S. S. E.

Set by obs 26.25 N

Long by Chron 143.00 E

Wednesday Mar 24<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh Gales from S. W and Squally  
Ship Under double reefed topsails and reefed  
Courses Course S. S. E. by Compass

Middle and Latter part fresh Gales and  
heavy rain Squalls at 12 Midnight took in  
the Mizzen topsail and Main Course at  
1 a.m. took in the fore topsail and  
luffed to the Wind on the Western tack

Set by obs 28.40 N

Long by Chron 144.32 E



Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master  
March 18.52

Thursday Mar 25<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh Gale from S<sup>W</sup> with heavy rain squally Ship Laying too Under Close reefed Main topsail on the Northern tack Middle part the same Latter part more Moderate at 6 a m set the fore and Mizzen topsails Close reefed and fore Course

Lat by obs 29,00 N  
Long by Chro 145,38 E

Friday Mar 26<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh breezes from S<sup>W</sup> and pleasant Weather Ship on the Wind on the Eastern tack Under double reefed topsails and Courses

Middle part Moderate breezes and variable Latter part Calm Employed at various jobs such as coiling Lines and securing topsail and Lower Breeches broke out the Ship Chest

Saw a number of fine Birds &c Lat by obs 29,57 N  
Long by Chro 146,28 E

Saturday Mar 27<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Light increasing breezes from S and Dark Cloudy Weather Ship Under all Sail Course S by Compass

Middle part fresh Gale with heavy rain Latter part pleasant at 10 p m took in the top gallant sails and double reefed the topsails Course S

Lat by obs 33,00 N  
Long by di 146,30 E

Sunday Mar 28<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh breezes and variable from S to S<sup>W</sup> with pleasant Weather Ship Under Single reefed topsails and Courses Steering by the Wind on the Northern tack

Middle part Calm Latter part Light increasing breezes from S with rain Course S at 11 a m Saw a Ship Steering ESE by Compass

Lat by di 35,00 N  
Long by obs 146,50 E



# Log Book of The Ship Niagara

March 1852

Monday Mar 29<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh breezes from South with Cloudy thick sunny Weather Ship with all sail cut Course North by Compuys

Middle part Strong breezes with heavier sun Squalls at 2 a M the Wind Hauled suddenly to the North west and blowing a fresh Gale took in all sail down to a Close reefed Main top-sail Latter part blowing a fresh Gale from North west and Clear Weather Ship Sailing by the wind on the Northern tack Under a Close reefed Main top-sail at 6 a M saw two Ships Sailing too on the Northern tack

Tuesday Mar 30<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part blowing a fresh Gale from North west and Clear Weather Ship Sailing too on the Northern tack Under a Close reefed Main top-sail

Middle and Latter part the same one Sail in sight the Ship Sally Ann of Red Bedford Saw a number of fin Birds. &c

To End these 24 hours

Lat by obs 36 14 N  
Long by Chron 154 15 E

Wednesday Mar 31<sup>st</sup> 1852

This Afternoon Comes in With fresh Gales from North West and Clear Weather Ship Sailing too on the Northern tack Under a double reefed Main top-sail and reefed fore sail

Middle part the same Latter part Strong breezes and Squalls at 5 a M set the fore and Mizen top-sails Close reefed Steady by the Wind on the Northern tack the Ship Sally Ann in sight To End these 24 hours

Lat by obs 36 40 N  
Long by Chron 154 55 E



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of Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master  
April 1852

Thursday Apr 1<sup>st</sup> 1852  
Fore part strong breezes from S.W. to S.E. and  
Squally Ship steering by the Wind Under double  
reefed topsails and foresail on the Eastern tack  
at 3 p.m. spoke the Ship Sally Ann of New Bedford  
at 4 p.m. wore ship and set the gill and Mainsail  
Middle and Lutter part Moderate breezes  
from S.E. with pleasant weather at 9 p.m. set  
whole topsails Ship steering by the wind to the  
Southward and westward Employed at various jobs  
such as whitewashing &c. &c. Saw a Great Number  
of fin Back whales and Large Balls of fat

Lat by obs 38.05 N Long by Chr 156.00 E

Friday Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> 1852  
Fore part Moderate breezes from E.N.E. and pleasant  
Ship Under topsails and Courses Course S.W. by  
Compass Middle part fresh breeze from East and  
pleasant Course S.W. by E Lutter part Moderate breeze  
from S.E. Ship Under all sail Course S.W. by E  
Saw a Great Number of Wild Ducks and other Birds  
the water covered in Ducking cut and clearing out  
the Blubber Room and other various jobs  
So Ends these 24 hours

Lat by obs 41.30 N

Long by Chr 156.46 E

Saturday Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> 1852

Fore part Moderate breezes from South and Clear  
pleasant weather Ship Under all sail Course  
S.W. by E by Compass Middle and Lutter part the same  
Employed at various jobs

Lat by obs 42.40 N

Long by Chr 156.46 East



Log Book of the Ship Niagara of  
April 1852

Sunday, Apr 4<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh breezes from South and heavy  
Weather Ship Under all Sail Course S S E  
by Compass Middle and Latter part Strong  
breezes from S W with rain foggy weather Course  
S E by S by Compass at 12 Midnight - took in  
the fore bottom sails and downed down the topsails  
To End these 24 hours (No Observations)

Lat by obs 43 12 N  
Long by obs 152 00 E

Monday, Apr 5<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Moderate breezes from South West and  
a thick fog Ship Under Whole topsails Course  
S E by S by Compass Middle and Latter part  
fresh Calcs from South West to West with a  
thick Snow Storm at 1 a M double reefed  
the topsails and took in the jib the Hatch  
Employed in clearing the decks of Snow and  
other various jobs To End these 24 hours

No Observations Lat by obs 44 23 N  
Long by obs 154 00 E

Tuesday, Apr 6<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Strong Calcs from South West  
and Clear Weather at 2 p M took in  
the fore and Mizzen topsails and reefed  
the fore sail Ship Sailing by the wind  
on the Eastern tack Middle part the same  
Latter part Strong breezes from S with Cold  
Weather at 1 a M set the fore topsail double  
reefed and jib Ship Steering by the wind  
on the Eastern tack To End these 24 hours

Lat by obs 46 40 N  
Long by obs 156 00 E



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Kirkham Benjamin Clough Master

April 1852

Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Strong Wind from North with Clear Cold Weather  
Ship Steering by the wind Under double reefed fore and  
Main topsails jib and reefed foresail on the Eastern tack  
Middle part the same. Latter part Moderate breezes  
with pleasant weather at 5 a m Set the Mizzen topsails  
and Main Sail Steering by the wind on the Eastern  
tack Employed at various jobs  
So Ends these 24 hours

Lat 6° 46' 30" N  
Long 158° 48' E

Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Moderate breezes from S and pleasant  
Weather Ship Steering by the wind on the Eastern  
tack Under double reefed topsails and Courses  
Middle part Moderate breezes from S Course  
SSE at 12 Midnight set whole topsails  
Latter part Moderate breezes from SSW and  
pleasant at 5 a m Set the top Gallant sails  
Saw one fine Buck the Watch Employed at  
various jobs

Lat 6° 47' 30" N  
Long 160° 50' E

Friday April 9<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh increasing breezes from SSW to W  
with Clear pleasant Weather Course SSE by  
Compass at 2 p m took in the top Gallant sails  
at 4 p m double reefed the topsails  
Middle Strong breezes from S with thick fine  
squalls at 9 p m took in sail to a Close reefed  
Main topsail and reefed fore sail  
Latter part fresh breezes and pleasant at 4  
a m Set whole topsails and Courses Course  
SSE by Compass at 10 a m Set the top Gallant  
sails Saw two fine Bucks

Lat 6° 49' 00" N  
Long 162° 25' E



Log Book of The Ship Niagara of  
April 1852

Saturday. Apr 10<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh breezes from West with Clear  
pleasant Weather Ship with all sail set  
Course South by Compass Middle part fresh  
Gales and Clear Weather at 10 p m double  
reefed the topsails Course S S W by Compass  
Latter part fresh Gales with Snow Squalls  
at 8 a m took in the Main sail and fore  
and Mizzen topsails Close reefed the Main  
and reefed the fore sail. So Ends these 24 hours  
Lat by Obs 54.30 N  
Long by Chron 102.11 E

Sunday. Apr 11<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Strong Wind with Snow Squalls  
from West Ship Under double reefed  
topsails and reefed Courses at 3 p m the  
Wind Hauled to the North East at 4 p m  
Wore Ship to the Westward at 6 p m pleasant  
Ship heading S S W by Compass  
Middle and Latter part Moderate  
breezes with Light Snow Squalls Ship Steering  
by the Wind on the Southern and Westward  
Under double reefed topsails and Courses  
at 9 a m saw two Right Whales at 10  
a m Landed all four boats the Starboard  
Struck Struck Killed and Tunk him.  
So Ends these 24 hours Lat by Obs 52.33 N Long by Chron 101.00 E

Monday. Apr 12<sup>th</sup> 1852

This Afternoon comes in with Moderate breezes from  
North East and pleasant Weather Ship Steering  
by the Wind Under double reefed topsails and  
Courses Land in Sight at 5 p m saw the Ice  
at 7 p m Cape Shincunsky Bearing South West  
distant 10 Miles Wore Ship to the Eastward  
Middle part Light air and Clear Weather  
Latter part Light increasing wind from S W  
Course S S E Land in Sight

Lat by Obs 53.07 N  
Long by Chron 101.17 E



Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master

April 1852

Tuesday Apr 13<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh Winds from South West with Clear  
Weather Ship Under all Sail Course S S E by  
Compass at 6 p m Saw Large quantities of drift  
Ice at 7 p m took in the top gallant sails and Clewed  
down the topsail and Luffed too the wind on the Eastern  
tack Middle part Sailing the same  
Latter part fresh breezes from S W at 4 a m  
Kept off Set the topsails double reefed Course S  
Saw in Sight Saw Large bodies of drift Ice  
Making off from the Land from 10 to 15 Miles  
Saw a number of fine Back Whales in those  
So Ends these 24 hours

Lat 44° 45'  
Long 113° 40' E

Wednesday Apr 14<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Strong Wind from South West with  
Hazy weather Ship Running to the North 10 Miles  
distant from the Land Under a whole main  
topsail and double reefed fore and Mizzen  
at 3 p m kept off to S E by S by compass  
at 4 p m Saw a Large body of Ice and Luffed  
too took in the fore and Mizzen topsails and  
Clew reefed the main Middle part Light air and  
Calm Latter part fresh breezes from S W Light increasing  
breezes from E and Hauling too the South West  
Blowing a fresh Gale Saw Large bodies of Field  
Ice Ship Working to the Northward and Eastward  
through the Ice So Ends these 24 hours

Lat 45° 25' N Long 113° 40' E

Thursday Apr 15<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Strong Wind from South West with thick  
Weather Ship Under Clew reefed main topsail  
and reefed foresail Working to the Northward  
and Eastward through the Ice

Middle part fresh breezes with Snow Squalls at 5 p m  
Luffed too Latter part Light breezes from S W  
and thick at 8 a m Kept off to the Eastward  
Set whole topsails and main top gallant + sail  
Saw two or three fine Backs at 12 p m Saw  
a Ship Under all Sail Standing S E  
So Observations



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April 1852

Friday Apr 16<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine port. Moderate breezes from South West with thick Weather Ship with Main top Gallant Sail out striking to the South East through the Ice. Middle and Latter part fresh breezes from South with pleasant weather at 10 p.m. Cleared down the top sails and luffed to the Wind with the Main yard aback at 4.00 a.m. Stept off Course S.E. by S and set all Sail Saw one Lonely fin Buck Whale and plenty of Ducks and other Birds  
So Ends these 24 hours

Lat by Obs 56, 15 N Long by Obs 116, 09 E

Saturday Apr 17<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine port fresh breezes from South with pleasant Weather Ship Under all Sail Course S.E. by S by Compass Middle and Latter part Strong Wind from S.E. with thick foggy Drizzly Weather at 8 p.m. Course E.N.E. at 8 p.m. took in the Top Gallant Sail and double reefed the top sails at 10 p.m. took in the jib and Main sail at 12 Midnight Close reefed the top sails and reefed the fore sail Ship Sailing by the Wind on the Eastern tack. So Ends these 24 hours  
No Observations

Sunday Apr 18<sup>th</sup> 1852

This Afternoon Comes in more Moderate but with thick Drizzling Weather at 4 p.m. Set the top sails double reefed and set the jib and Main sail Course E. S.E. by Compass Middle and Latter part fresh Gales and thick Weather at 12 Midnight took in the jib Main sail and Mizzen top sail at 10.00 a.m. reefed the fore sail  
So Ends these 24 hours

Lat by Obs 58, 14 N Long by Obs 117, 00 E



# Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master

April 1852

Monday Apr 19<sup>th</sup> 1852

This Afternoon Commenced With fresh Gale from S E to E and thick Weather Ship Steering by the Wind on the Northern and Eastern tack Under a double reefed fore and Main topsails and reefed foresail at 4 p m took in the fore topsail and foresail and Cle reefed the Main topsail Middle and Latter part blowing a heavy Gale from S E and hauling gradually towards the Eastward at 8 p m turned Up the bow and Waist boats Ship Sailing on the Northern and Eastern tack So Ends these 24 hours No observations Barometer Standing at 29 and  $\frac{4}{10}$

Tuesday Apr 20<sup>th</sup> 1852

This Afternoon Begins with a heavy Gale from East with thick Snow Squalls Ship Sailing too on the Northern tack at 3 p m turned Up the Larboard quarter boat Middle and Latter part blowing heavy at 10 p m Lost the bow boat and at 3 a m the Waist boat Went at 10 a m While Ship the Wind Gradually heading to the North East So Ends these 24 hours

No Observations, Barometer Standing at 29,  $\frac{3}{10}$

Wednesday Apr 21<sup>st</sup> 1852

Fore part Commencing With a heavy Gale from North East with thick Snow Squalls Ship Sailing too on the Eastern tack the Decks covered with a field of Ice and Snow Middle part the same Latter part the Wind more Moderate Hauling back to the Eastward Ship Steering S S E by Compass at 3 a m the Barometer Standing at 28  $\frac{7}{10}$  at 12 Noon Standing at 29 So Ends these 24 hours No Observations



# Log Book of The Ship Niagara of April 1852

Thursday Apr 22<sup>nd</sup> 1852

Fore part Commences With Strong Gale from East With Small Squalls Ship Laying too on the Southern tack Middle part Moderate breezes from North East Latter part Light air and variable and pleasant Weather at 4 a m Set the topsails double reefed and set the gill and foresail all hands Employed at fitting and Repairing boats Davits and other various jobs So Ends these 24 hours

Lat by Obs 58.16 S Long by Chro 169.50 E

Friday Apr 23<sup>rd</sup> 1852

Fore part Light Wind and variable With Small Squalls Middle part Strong Wind from North and a thick Snow Storm Ship Under double reefed topsails Course E S E Latter part Light air and variable and pleasant Weather Employed at various jobs So Ends these 24 hours One Man Sick

Lat by Obs 58.30 S Long by Chro 169.41 E

Saturday Apr 24<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Light breezes and variable With pleasant Weather Ship Steering by the Wind Working to the Eastward Middle part Moderate breezes Latter part Strong breezes from East With Small Squalls Ship Steering by the Wind on Different tacks Under Short Sail and a Large Swell Running from the North East at 10 a m Shifted the Starboard boat on to the Waist both Cranes and put out on new one on the Starboard Cranes one Man Sick So Ends these 24 hours No Observations



Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master  
April 1852

Sunday Apr 25<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fair port Strong Wind from East With thick Weather  
Ship Steering by the Wind on the Southern tack Under  
double reefed topsail and foresail at 6 p m blowing  
a fresh Gale Here Ship and took in sail too a  
Close reefed main topsail at 8 p m tacked up  
the Starboard boat Middle and Lutter port  
blowing a Heavy Gale and a thick Snow Storm  
So Ends these 24 hours one man sick No Observations  
Barometer standing at 29.70

Monday Apr 26<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fair port of these 24 hours Comerses With a strong  
Gale from East and a thick Snow Storm  
Ship Sailing too on the Southern tack  
Middle port the same Lutter port more  
Moderate Wind Hauling to the North East  
Ship heading Up E S E and a Large Swell  
running from the Eastward one man sick  
So Ends these 24 hours

Lat by Obs 57.58 N Long by Chron 168.36 E

Tuesday Apr 27<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fair port Moderate breezes from the Eastward  
With a Large Swell on the Weather quite  
pleasant Ship Heading E S E by Compass  
Middle and Lutter port fresh breezes from  
S E With few pleasant Weather Ship Steering  
by the Wind too the Eastward Under all Sail  
Employed at repairing the Foretopmast Stayrail  
and other various jobs. Saw one fin Buck  
So Ends these 24 hours

Lat by Obs 58.00 N Long by Chron 170.00 E



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April 1852

Wednesday. Apr 28<sup>th</sup> 1752

Fine part fresh breezes from S E With pleasant  
Weather Ship Under all Sail Steering by  
the Wind to the Eastward Middle and  
Latter part Moderate breezes from S E to S  
and Clear Weather Course E by Compass  
Employed at various jobs To End there 24 hours

Lat by Obs 58° 26' N Long by Chron 174° 51' E

Thursday. Apr 29<sup>th</sup> 1752

Fine part Moderate breezes from South With  
Clear pleasant Weather Ship Under all  
Sail Course North by Compass  
Middle and Latter part Moderate breezes and  
Gradually Steading from South to West  
at 11 a M Spoke the Barque Trollos of New London  
Nothing this Season and Ship Cornelius Howland  
of New Bedford Nothing had seen one had heard  
of other Ships in Sight

Lat by Obs 60° 00' N Long by Chron 175° 50' E

Friday Apr 30<sup>th</sup> 1752

Fine part Moderate breezes from West With  
pleasant Weather Course N E at 6 p M Saw  
the Ice at 8 p M Drifted too With the heavy  
yards aback Middle part Say the same  
Latter part Light air from West and  
Clear Weather at 5 a M kept off Course  
East by Compass Saw large quantities of Ice  
to the Southward Saw two Fire Boats and a  
Grampus going towards the Ice four Ships in  
Sight To End there 24 hours

Lat by Obs 60° 43' N Long by Chron 176° 53' E



of Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master  
May 1852

Saturday May 1st 1852

Fore part Light breezes from North With Clear  
pleasant Weather Course E by Compass  
Middle part the same Latter part fresh breezes  
from Southwest and pleasant at 3 a M Course  
N at 6 a M. Made the Ice and Hauled Up East  
and E S E running along the Ice towards the Southeast  
at 9 a M saw three Ships Steering Southwest  
saw plenty of Ducks and other Birds but no  
Whales So Ends there 24 hours one Man Sick

Lat by Obs 60° 24' N Long by Chron 180.

Sunday May 2nd 1852

Fore part fresh breezes from Southwest With  
Clear pleasant Weather Ship Under all  
Sail Steering to the South East along  
by the Ice in Company With the Ship Cornelius  
Hordland of New Bedford at 5 p M tacked  
Ship to the North West. Middle part Light air  
at 12 Midnight the Wind Hauled Suddenly  
to the North East blowing a fresh breeze and a thick  
Snow Storm Course South Latter part fresh breezes  
and pleasant at 7 a M. Made the Ice and  
Hauled Up Southwest the Ship Cornelius Hordland  
in Company one Man Sick

Lat by Obs 59° 16' N Long by Chron 178° 35' E

Monday May 3rd 1852

Fore part fresh breezes from North East With  
Clear Weather Ship Under all Sails running  
to the Southwest Middle and Latter part Strong  
Wind and thick Weather Course S W Ship Under  
double reefed fore and main top sails and reefed  
fore sail the Ship Cornelius Hordland in sight  
one Man Sick So Ends there 24 hours

Lat by Obs 58° 02' N Long by Chron 173° 40' E



# Log Book of The Ship Niagara of May 1852

Tuesday May 4<sup>th</sup> 1852

These 24 hours Commenced with a Moderate Gale from North East and thick Weather Steering South West Under double reefed fore and main topsails and foresail at 5 p.m. took in the foresail and fore-topsail and Luffed too on the Eastern tack

Middle part the same latter part Strong Wind and an Healy Sea on at 7 a.m. kept off Steering South West Set the foresail and the main-topsail double reefed at 11 a.m. Saw Whales two sight and one polar Scaudard but without Success So Ends these 24 hours

Lat by obs 57° 40' N Long by obs 172° 00' E

Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup> 1852

These 24 hours Commenced with Strong breezes from North East and Cloudy Weather Employed at Chaceine Whales but without Success

The Ship Cornelius Howland doing the same

Middle part fresh breezes from North Lying by the Wind on the Eastern tack Latter part Moderate wind from Southwest with Snow Squalls at 3 a.m. wore Ship Steering to the Westward at 5 a.m. Set a whole main-topsail and double reefed fore and mizzen Saw two sight Whales going quick and several fin backs

Lat by obs 57° 00' N Long by obs 174° 00' E

Thursday May 6<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Moderate breezes from North East

With Snow Squalls Ship Steering by the Wind on the Western tack Middle and latter

part Light Winds from North West to North East

Ship Under all sail Steering to the Westward

four ships in sight spoke the Bayne Louise

a Red Redize returning this season and the

Ship Merce of Red Redford returning this season

and Ship Cornelius Howland of Red Redford

Nothing

Lat by obs 57° 41' N Long by obs 168° 00' E



# Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Muster

May 1852

Friday May 7<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Light breezes from North with pleasant weather Ship Under all sail Steering to the Westward Several Ships in sight doing nothing Middle part fresh breezes from North East with Snow Squalls Latter part pleasant and Light air and variable fine Ships in sight Saw one polar Whale and Landed all four houts but without success Spoke the Ship Emerald of Sag Harbour 7 hrs out 230 Spinn Nothing this Season

Lat by Obs 57° 43' Long by Chron 169° 00' East

Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Light air and variable with Snow Squalls Middle part fresh breezes from North West Steering by the wind on the western tack Latter part Strong breezes with thick Snow Squalls Steering by the wind on different tacks 12 Ships in sight at 8 p.m. Spoke the Ship Brooklyn of Secord Sound with a Whale along side and Polling to End these 24 hours

Lat by Obs 57° 53' Long 165° 30' East

Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Strong breezes from North West with Snow Squalls Ship Steering by the wind on the western tack Under double reefed topsails Middle and Latter part Strong breezes and Clear Weather at 11 p.m. saw Ship at 2 a.m. Heeded the Main Mast aback at 3 a.m. came Round to the Westward at 4 a.m. saw the same Several Ships in sight Saw a number of polar Whales and very Wild Spoke the Ship (name) of Providence the Whales this Season Employed at Chasing Whales To End these 24 hours



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Monday May 10<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Moderate breeze from North west  
with Clear pleasant Weather Employed  
in Chasing Whales Saw several Whales  
under very shy Middle and Latter part  
Light breeze with fine pleasant Weather  
Spoke the Ship Mootyanna of New Bedford  
and the Ship Columbia of Nantucket at 9 a.m.  
Saw polar Whales several and struck at 12  
Boat took him to the Ship



## To Observations

Tuesday May 11<sup>th</sup> 1852

This afternoon, Commences with Light  
breezes from North west and pleasant Weather  
Employed at Cutting at 1 p.m. Commenced  
Cutting at 1 p.m. finished and set the  
Dutch Middle part strong breezes with Snow  
squalls Latter part pleasant at 4 a.m.  
Started the Works Saw two polar Whales  
going quick to the South five ships in sight  
four a boilling Employed at scraping bone  
and boilling and other various jobs Land  
in sight forty miles distant So Ends these 24 hours

## To Observations

Wednesday May 12<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh breezes from North west with  
pleasant Weather Steering by the wind  
Under Short Sail Employed in boilling and  
scraping bone Saw one Whale and several  
but without success Middle and Latter  
part fresh breezes Sailing Under Short Sail  
Cloud in by the Ice Land in sight Saw two  
Whales going quick towards the Ice Spoke the Ship  
Gov<sup>t</sup> Tramp of New Bedford two Whales  
and the Ship Alexander Coffin do one Whale

Lat by obs 57,07 N Long by Obs 46,00 E



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Fishermen Benjamin Clough Master

May 1852

Thursday May 13<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Moderate breezes and fine Weather Sailing  
Under Short Sail Employed in killing Sund in  
Sight Middle and Latter part fresh breezes  
at 7 a m Saw three polar Whales and Landed  
the bow Boat struck and got turned over and  
cut the Line the Crew and Boat got Clear without any  
Serious damage three Ships in Sight Employed  
at killing and Chasing Whales to End these 24 hours

Lat 56 40 North Long 165 10 East

Friday May 14<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Moderate breezes from North-west and  
pleasant Sail one polar Whale and Landed  
but without Success Middle and Latter part  
the same Employed at taking out and Striking  
down Oil Saw one Whale going quick in for the  
Sund Sund in Sight all along Shore four Ships  
in Sight

Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Moderate breezes from North-west with  
Clear pleasant Weather Under Short Sail Steaming  
down Saw several fin Backs but no bow Heads  
Middle and Latter part fresh breezes and  
pleasant Sail one polar Whale and Landed  
but without Success Employed at various jobs  
Saw down the fore and Mizzen top Gallies  
Sund in Sight Saw one Hump Back and  
several fin Backs four Ships in Sight one  
at Cutting to End these 24 hours



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Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Light airs and calm and clear pleasant  
Weather Middle part Moderate breezes from  
West Latter part fresh breezes from North West  
Steering by the Wind using the Land as the  
sight three ships in sight 10 Whales of every  
kind seen these 24 hours and so ends

Lat by obs 58.08.1 Longitude by Chron 166.00.E

Monday May 17<sup>th</sup> 1852

First part of these 24 hours Commenced with fresh  
breezes from North West and clear pleasant  
Weather Steering by the Wind as the sight  
Land in sight Middle part the same  
Latter part Light breezes and pleasant  
Saw several Hump Backs. Closed in by  
the Land so ends these 24 hours

Lat by obs 59.50.1 Longitude by Chron 166.30.E

Tuesday May 18<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Light airs from West with clear  
pleasant Weather Steering to the North  
at 3 p.m. made the ice and Hept off ESE  
Middle part the same  
Latter part Light airs and calm one ship  
in sight Employed at various jobs

Lat by obs 59.20.1 Longitude by Chron 166.40.E



Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master

May 1852

Wednesday May 19<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Light breezes from South East with pleasant  
Weather Steering by the Wind to the Southward  
Saw several Hump Backs at 7 p.m. Saw two  
polar Whales a Cow and Calf going to the South  
East Sailed two Boats but without Success  
Middle part Light airs and Cloudy Sailed with  
the main Yawl aback on the Southern tack  
Latter part Moderate breezes from E. and Cloudy  
at 3 a.m. Breeze freshen Steering by the Wind  
to the Southward

Lat 58.58 by obs. & Long by Chron 167.30 E

Thursday May 20<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Moderate breezes from North East  
and Cloudy at 1 p.m. Spoke the ship St George  
of New Bedford two Whales this season  
Steering Southwest by South in company with  
the ship St George Saw several ships steering  
to the Southward Middle and latter part  
Moderate breezes from North and Southwest with  
pleasant weather Steering Southwest by South  
Three ships in sight bound S.W. to Encls these  
24 hours

Friday May 21<sup>st</sup> 1852

First part Light breezes from Northwest and pleasant  
steering S.W. by S. in company at 8 p.m. Sighted  
off South Three ships in sight bound South  
Middle part Calm latter part Light airs from  
South 10 ships in sight one a killing  
Spoke the ship Champion of Edgartown one Whale  
the ship Conder New Bedford one Whale  
Second in sight

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# Log Book of The Ship Niagara

May 1852

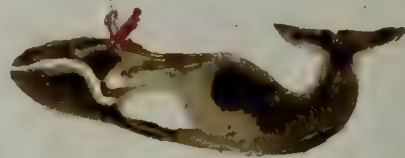
Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1852

Fore part Light air from South East with Clear pleasant Weather Steering by the wind to the South West Land in sight and 10 ships doing nothing Middle part Calm Latter part Light air from South Saw two or three polar Whales and very shy Lowest and Chased but without Success Secured Ice and 4 ships in sight So Ends these 24 hours

Lat by Obs 57° 00' N Long by Chron 165° 30' E

Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1852

First part of these 24 hours Light air from South and pleasant Saw several polar Whales and very shy Lowest and Chased with all four boats but without success Secured in sight Middle part the same Latter part Calm Saw several Whales Lowest and Chased at 10 a M the Starboard Boat struck and got stuck Stove the Whale sunk heavy took the fire to the ship and were near up Six ships in sight So Ends these 24 hours



No Observations

Monday May 24<sup>th</sup> 1852

This Afternoon Comes in with Light air from S E and pleasant Employed in getting the Whale to the ship and Clearing away for Cutting at 5 p M Commenced Cutting and finished at 9 and set the watch Middle and Latter part fresh increasing wind from S E and gradually Hauling to the Eastward Steering by the wind Under double reefed top sails the watch Employed in Clearing away the Heed at 2 a M Started the decks So Ends these 24 hours



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# of Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master

Tuesday May 25<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fire part Strong Gale from North East with Snow Squalls  
Steering by the wind to the Eastward Employed in boiling  
and scraping bone and other various jobs at 7 p. M.  
Cooled down the works and Close reefed the topsails  
Middle and Latter part the same at 7 a. M.  
Saw a Large Ship Steering South East Showing a  
blue signal with the letters E. W. in white  
Employed at various jobs So Ends these 24 hours

Wednesday May 26<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fire part begins with a Moderate Gale from  
North East with thick Snow Squalls Steering by the  
wind on the Eastern tack Under Close reefed topsails  
at 6 p. M. Wind Moderate and Weather pleasant  
Close Ship and started the works

Middle and Latter part Moderate breezes from  
Northwest with pleasant weather Land in sight  
at 12 P. M. Spoke the Ship Splendid of Cold Spring  
Sailing this season bound North Employed at  
boiling and other various jobs So Ends these 24 hours

Thursday May 27<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fire part Light breezes from North West and  
pleasant weather Steering by the wind on  
the Northern tack at 7 p. M. Saw two bow Hauls  
the Starboard bow Lowest but with out success

Middle part Sailing with the Main yards aback  
at 1 a. M. finished boiling Latter part Light  
breezes from Northwest with hazy weather Land  
in sight and large fields of Ice Making off  
Some thirty or forty miles Saw three or four whales  
in the Ice two Ships in sight



Log Book of The Ship Niagara of  
May 1852

Friday May 28<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine part Moderate breezes from South East  
and Hazy weather Middle and Latter  
part Fresh breezes from South west South East  
with thick weather Employed in Stowing down  
the Lard and Ice in Sight spoke the Ship  
Abraham Barker of New Bedford the Whaler  
this season one other Ship in Sight

Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine part Strong Wind from South East and  
thick weather Middle part the same Latter  
part Light breezes from E Steering by the  
wind on the ground took three Ships in Sight  
one a sailing spoke the Ship Charles Carroll  
of New London Nothing this season the Bark  
Ornice of New London Nothing

Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup> 1852

Fine part fresh breezes from South East and  
South with thick weather Middle part the  
same Lay with the Main yard aback  
Latter part Light breezes from East and  
a thick fog Laying Under double reefed  
top sails Upon the Southern tack



Trishaven Benjamin Clough Master

May 1852

Monday May 31st 1852

Fore part Light breezes from East with thick foggy weather Ship steering by the wind under double reefed topsails on the Southern tack

Middle part Moderate breeze from North East and thick fatter part Light air and variable and Clear weather at 6 a.m. the fog cleared up saw the Land distance 5 miles Spoke the Ship Charles Carroll of Sea London on fire Ship in sight Saw several Hump Back Whales

June 1852

Tuesday June 1st 1852

Fore part Light air from North East and Clear weather working to the Eastward of these four ships in sight

Middle and latter part Light breeze from South West with fine pleasant weather Course S. S. E. by Compass 6 Ships in sight steering to the North East Saw several porpoises Land in sight all along shore

Wednesday June 2nd 1852

Fore part Light breezes from South West with fine pleasant weather Course S. S. E. by Compass Land in sight Middle part the same

Latter part Light air from North East at 8 a.m. saw one polar Whale and secured the Starboard boat went on and struck and drew Spoke the Bayne Black Warrior of Sea London nothing this season

Lat by Obs 57 42 N Long by obs 166 20 E



# Log Book of The Ship Vengeance

June 1852

Thursday June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Fine part light air from South East with pleasant weather and two Whales captured. Still wind toward the west boat went on and struck at 3 p.m. to get them too the ship and commenced cutting at 4 p.m. finished cutting and set the watch.

Middle part thick fog. Latter part the same day with the Head yards which most of the time on different tracks at 7 a.m. started the work. Employed at boiling & repairing bone and other various jobs two Men Sick.



Friday June 4<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine part fresh breezes from South East with a thick fog. Middle and Latter part fresh breezes with rain from the Southward. Employed in boiling and other various jobs. So Ends there 24 hours two Men Sick.

Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup> 1852.

Fine part commences with moderate breezes from the Southward with rain. Middle part calm and a thick fog at 11 p.m. finished boiling. Latter part light air and variable and a thick fog. So Ends there 24 hours two Men Sick.



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of Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master

June 1852

Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup> 1852

First part Light air and variable and  
a thick fog Middle part Calm Latter part  
Light breezes from South East and foggy  
Spoke the Ship Thomas Vye of New Bedford  
Nothing this morn the Purser Venice of New London  
one Whale Employed at storing down oil  
two men sick.

Monday June 7<sup>th</sup> 1852

This morn comes in with light breezes from  
South East and thick foggy weather Steering by  
the wind to the Southward in company with the  
Ship Thomas Vye of New Bedford

Middle and Latter part Moderate breezes from  
South East and with thick weather at 8 p.m. Hauled  
the Main yard aback and Lay until 3 a.m.  
and then hauled forehead Steering East by Compass  
Saw several finbacks and Hump backs  
one man sick So Ends these 24 hours

Tuesday June 8<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Moderate breezes from S with Clear  
weather Steering East by Compass at 8 p.m. Saw  
two Whales one pale and one right going quite  
too the Southwest lowered two boats but without success  
Middle part Light breezes from Southwest  
Lay with the Main yard aback Latter part  
wind Southeast and a thick fog at 4 a.m. hauled  
forehead Steering East by Compass one man sick  
Saw several finbacks So Ends these 24 hours

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Log Book of The Ship Niagara of  
June 1852

Wednesday June 9th 1852

Very much moderate breeze from North East with  
thick weather. Steaming by the wind to the Eastward  
at 9 p.m. spoke the Ship Abraham Bristed of  
New Bedford three Whales this season the Brig  
Venice of New London in sight Middle and  
Latter part fresh breeze from S Course E by S  
Sea several fin backs one than sick

Lat by obs 36.50 N Long by Chron 165.32 E

Thursday June 10th 1852

Very much fresh breeze from S and Clear weather  
Steaming East by North at 6 p.m. saw a Large  
Ship Steaming South East Middle and Latter  
part Moderate breeze from North East Course  
E by E by Compass

Lat by obs 36.50 N Long by Chron 170.00 E

Friday June 11th 1852

First part begins with strong Northerly wind and cloudy  
weather Ship Under topsails Course E by E by  
Compass Middle part the same  
Latter part Light North Easterly wind and  
thick weather Steaming by the wind to the Eastward  
saw several fin backs at 12 noon tried the Current  
and found it running S W 1/2 mile per hour  
one than sick 6 Ends there 24 hours

Lat by obs 36.37 N Long by Chron 176.00 E



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Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master

June 1852

Saturday June 12th 1852

Fore part Light Easterly winds and thick Weather  
Middle part Light increasing breezes from South East  
with foggy weather Course S E by Compass  
Latter part Strong South wind with rain Steering  
South East with Main topgallant sail out  
one Man Sick So Ends these 24 hours

No Observations

Sunday June 13th 1852

Fore part begins with strong Southwesterly wind with  
rain Steering South East by Compass Under whole  
top sail and courses Middle and Latter part  
fresh breezes from Southwest and a thick fog  
Saw large flocks of ducks and other birds  
at 11 a M Came too and rounded to bottom  
at 50 fathoms at 12 noon kept off again  
Course S E by Compass one Man Sick

No Observations

Monday June 14th 1852

Fore part fresh breezes from Southwest and  
a thick fog Steering South East with Main  
topgallant sail out at 3 p M Luff out again  
North Middle part fresh breezes Steering S  
Latter part fresh breezes from South with thick  
foggy weather at 6 a M Made the Island of  
St. Matthews bearing S S E 4 Miles distant  
and lay to for the wind bearing to the westward  
Spoke the Ship Brighton of New Bedford & then the town  
the Ship Liverpool do one School  
the Ship with Star of Red London Bottoms



Log Book of the Ship Niagara of  
June 1852

Tuesday June 15th 1852

Fine part strong wind from South and thick  
sunny weather Steering by the wind

Middle part the same. Latter part pleasant  
breeze to the wind working to the westward  
the Point of St. Matthew's in sight and  
Large Ridge of field ice to the S. W.  
of the Island. Spoke the Ship Ontario of  
King Harbour nothing this season.

Wednesday June 16th 1852

Fine part fresh breeze from Southwest with  
pleasant weather. Steering by the wind  
working to the westward Middle part the  
same. Latter part moderate breezes the

Point of St. Matthew's in sight and the ice  
to the south and Southwest of the Island from

them in sight Spoke the Ship William Hamilton  
of New Bedford nothing this season.

Thursday June 17th 1852

Fine part fresh Southwesterly winds and a  
thick fog Steering by the wind on different  
tacks Middle part the same Latter part  
fresh breezes from South with fog and rain  
Steering by the wind too the westward



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Acushnet Benjamin Clough Master

June 1852

Friday June 18<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine part fresh Southerly wind and thick foggy  
sunny Weather Steaming by the wind on the water.  
Lick Middle and better part - Light Easterly  
wind and thick fog Saw quite numbers of Ducks  
and other birds ~~for~~ <sup>found</sup> and got 80 fathoms  
of Water Muskeg bottom

Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine part Light Easterly wind and thick Weather  
Sailing with the main, used about 1000 and  
saw numbers of Whales blowing at 8 p.m.  
the fog set up. Saw several pairs of Whales  
and lowered the Starboard Port Struck at 9 p.m.  
got the Whale too the Ship and Commenced  
Cutting finished Cutting at 11 a.m. and set the  
watch Employed in Clearing up Decks at 12 noon  
Started the works



Lat 61 00 North Long 179 00 West

Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine part fresh Southerly wind with thick Weather  
Saw quite numbers of Whales at 4 p.m. Lowered  
the Starboard Port Struck at 4 p.m. got the Whale  
too the Ship and Commenced Cutting at 1 a.m.  
finished Cutting and set the Watch Employed  
at Clearing up decks and boiling Middle and  
better part Moderate breezes and thick sunny  
Weather Employed at boiling and boiling down  
and other various jobs





# Log Book of the Ship Niagara of

June 1852

Monday June 21st 1852

Fine part thick Weather and moderate breezes from South. Saw a Great many Whales at 4 p.m. Lower and the West boat struck at 6 p.m. got the Whales to the Ship and set the Whales Employed at boiling, scraping bone and other various jobs. Middle and latter part light westerly wind and very Weather at 8 a.m. commenced Cutting. Employed at boiling Cutting &c. three Ships in sight and part of Whales.



Tuesday June 22nd 1852

Fine part light westerly wind with thick Weather. Employed at Cutting boiling and clearing up Decks. Middle part the same.

Latter part Calm and a thick fog. Saw a number of Whales around the Ship. Employed in boiling and other various jobs. Two Ships in sight and a boiling.

Wednesday June 23rd 1852

Fine part Calm and a thick fog. Employed in boiling and other various jobs. Saw and caught a Seal. Middle part light air from S.W.

Latter part Calm. Employed at Hoisting down and hoisting the Starboard Boat. Lower and caught a Killer. 8 Ships in sight three a boiling. Capt. Tucker came on board having taken 4 Whales this season from this wharf of the Redford.



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Aurharen Benjamin Clough Master

June 1852

Thursday June 24<sup>th</sup> 1852

Sea just calm Employed at boiling and stowing  
down 8 Ships in sight three at boiling  
Middle and Latter part Light air from S W and  
foggy Weather Employed at boiling setting up Shacks  
and other various jobs at 8 A.M Capt. Kiten  
the Ship Larry of New Bedford came on board. At  
10 A.M. saw several Whales in a morning  
the Ice Landers three Boats but without Success

Friday June 25<sup>th</sup> 1852

Sea just Light Westerly wind with a thick fog  
at 4 p.m. Clear Sea several Whales going quick  
Lowered two boats but without Success Employed at  
boiling 15 Ships in sight

Middle and Latter part fresh breezes and a thick fog  
Employed at boiling and stowing down Spoke the  
Ship Alfred Gibbs of New Bedford two Whales in  
Season

Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup> 1852

Sea just fresh Westerly wind and thick Weather  
Employed at boiling and stowing down Middle part Clear  
at 12 Midnight finished boiling Latter part  
fresh Easterly breezes and a thick fog Employed  
at stowing down at 12 Noon finished stowing  
off the Main Watch Spoke the Ship Sophia Thurston  
of New Bedford boiling two Whales this Season



# Log Book of The Ship *Viguerie* of

Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine part fresh Easterly breezes with a thick fog.  
Employed at stowing down bunking out But  
Shucks and other various jobs  
Middle and Sutter part fresh breezes from  
S & E Middle part thick fog Sutter part Clear  
said several Whales going quick to the S & E  
a number of Ships in sight make the Ship  
& chase Howland of New Bedford & Whales  
this season too sight and three whales see in sight

Lat 61° 33' N Long by Chron 179° 45' W

Monday June 28<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine part strong breezes from S & E and Clear  
Weather said several Whales going quick  
to the S & E into the Ice Middle part thick  
fog Sutter part strong wind from  
North East and Clear said a good many  
Whales were most of them going quick to  
the North East and into the Ice at 8 a.m.  
Several the barbed Boat struck the Whale  
run into the Ice and were obliged to cut time.  
Employed at Storing up But Shucks and  
stowing Water and other various jobs.

Tuesday June 29<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine part strong North East wind and say  
but Clear Weather said several Whales  
but too sayed too loaded Middle and  
Sutter part blowing a moderate Gale  
from North East with Cloud Weather said  
a good many Whales going to the North  
the Ships in sight

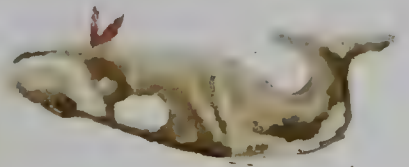


# Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Muster

Wednesday June 30<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fair part strong breezes from North-East and Clear Weather at 9 p.m. Saw several Whales chasing each other and several three boats the boat Boat.

At 10 p.m. took the Whales to the ship and set three boat watches Middle part strong wind latter part blowing a moderate Gale from North with thick Weather at 6 a.m. Commenced cutting took in the sheet and Laps and Lashed down 10 ships in sight



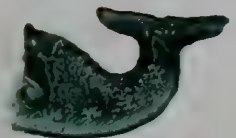
Thursday July 1<sup>st</sup> 1852

Fair part blowing a fresh Gale from North with thick rainy Weather Laying too with a Whale along side Saw a Great Many Whales going to the North-East quick. Middle part fair Moderate latter part light air and pleasant at 6 a.m. Commenced cutting and finished at 11 a.m. no Whales in sight 20 ships in sight started boiling Spoke the ship James Edmund of New Bedford 3 Whales this season the ship William West of Fairhaven 3 Whales this season. Sound in sight - Cape Cod being 8<sup>th</sup> 15 miles distant

Friday July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1852

Fair part light air and pleasant Weather at 1 p.m. started the works all hands employed at boiling and despoiling bone Sound in sight and 24 ships

Middle and latter part light breezes and thick rainy Weather Employed at Chasing Whales boiling and other various Saw a Great Many Whales going quick to the North the Starboard Boat took and started her line Spoke the ship Monmouth of New Bedford saw 3 Whales this season

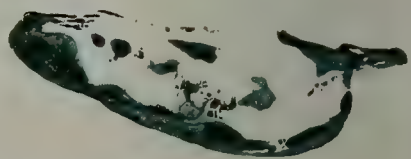




Log Book of the Ship *Argonia* of  
July 1852

Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1852

Fine part Light breezes from West and thick  
Weather Employed at boiling and other various  
jobs Middle and latter part Light breezes  
from South East and a thick fog Employed  
at boiling and other various jobs at 10 a m  
Saw an dead Whale and took him to  
the ship and cut in the throat and side  
and saved one half of the bone Spoke the  
Ship James Edmond of New Bedford boiling  
five Whales this season the Purvis Whalers  
of Salmouth three Whales this season



Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine part Light breezes from South East  
and thick foggy rainy Weather Employed  
at boiling and other jobs Middle part  
the same at 1 a m finished boiling  
Latter part fresh South West with Clear Weather  
Saw a large many Whales at Home  
at 6 a m heard the Bow Boat Struck  
at 8 a m took him to the ship and  
commenced cutting at 1 a m Saw the  
Ship *Western* of Worcester on fire  
Spoke the Ship *Casco* of New Bedford  
4 Whales this season



Monday July 5<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine part fresh breezes from South West  
with fog Squalls Employed at cutting and  
other various jobs at 5 p m finished  
cutting Middle and latter part light breezes  
from South West and Clear Weather Saw  
a number of scattering Whales and saw the  
Sloop *U.S. 30* Ship in light Employed at  
boasting out and storing down Spoke  
the Ship *Pony* of New Bedford 2 Whales  
this season the Ship *Comma* of New  
Bedford cutting her 5th Whale



Luthaven Benjamin Cough Auster

July 1852

Tuesday July 6th 1852

Fine part fresh breezes from South West and Clear  
Weather at 3 p.m. Started the Whales and Hunters  
Employed at boiling and stowing down. Sailed in light  
Middle part Moderate breezes. Latter part Light  
air. Employed at boiling and stowing down.  
Saw several Whales in a bay the Ice the Stratum  
Bent toward but without success. Spoke the ship  
George Washington of New Bedford 9 Whales  
this season. So Ends there 24 hours one man sick

Wednesday July 7th 1852

Fine part Light air and calm and  
fine pleasant Weather. Saw a number of  
Whales in a bay the Ice. Employed at boiling  
and stowing down. Middle part Clear. Latter part  
a thick fog. Employed at boiling and other various  
jobs. So Ends there 24 hours one man sick

Thursday July 8th 1852

Fine part Calm with fog. Sailed several Whales  
and got Whandy on several times. Employed at  
chasing Whales and boiling at 3 p.m. finished  
boiling. Middle and Latter part fresh breezes  
and Clear Weather. Saw plenty of Whales at  
3 a.m. Toward the Lizard Head. Struck at 10  
am got the Whale to the ship and commenced  
cutting at 3 a.m. picked up a boat belonging  
to the Birge. Witness of New Bedford  
one man sick





# Log Book of The Ship Kaguara

Friday July 9<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fair part Strong South West wind and thick  
Weather Employed at Cutting at 6 p m  
finished Cutting and set the Watch

Middle and Latter part Strong South West  
winds and thick Weather Employed at Steaming  
down and other various jobs To End these 24 hours  
one man Sick

Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fair part Strong Southwesterly wind and  
thick Weather Employed at Steaming down  
at 4 p m started the Works Middle and  
Latter part Strong wind Employed at boiling  
at 8 a m saw a Ball Whale to the  
windward and worked the ship up to him  
and took him along side To End these 24 hours  
one man Sick



Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fair part Strong Southwesterly wind and thick  
foggy Weather Sighting by a Whale  
Employed at boiling and other various jobs

Middle part the same Latter part More  
Moderate at 4 a m Canceled the Watch and  
Commenced Cutting at 12 noon finished Cutting  
To End these 24 hours two men Sick



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Lisshaven Benjamin Clough Master

July 1852

Monday July 12th 1852

Fore part strong breezes from S W with a thick fog  
Middle and latter part Moderate breezes and  
Clear Weather the watch Employed at boiling  
Scurvey bone and other various jobs 20 Ships in sight  
So Ends these 24 hours two Men Sick

Tuesday July 13th 1852

Fore part Moderate breezes from West and Clear Weather  
the Watch Employed at boiling breaking out oil Casks  
and other various jobs Middle part the same  
Latter part fresh breezes from E with thickening  
Weather at 8 a m finished boiling all Hands  
Employed at Breaking out and Stowing down  
Spoke the Ship "Indie of New Bedford & Whales  
this Season" two Men Sick So Ends these 24 hours

Wednesday July 14th 1852

Fore part fresh breezes from East and thickening  
Weather Middle and latter part the same  
all Hands Employed at Stowing down oil  
Spoke the Ship "Uncas of New Bedford & Whales  
this Season" three Men Sick



# Log Book of The Ship *Ragare* of July 1852

Thursday July 15<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Moderate breezes from North  
and a thick fog Middle part the same  
Butter part Moderate breezes from S<sup>W</sup>  
and pleasant 7 Ships in sight two a  
boiling Sled a Number of Carcasses but no  
Whales Employed at standing down and  
other various jobs two Men Sick  
So Ends these 24 hours

Friday July 16<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Moderate breezes from North-east  
and Clear pleasant Weather  
Middle part Light increasing breezes from S<sup>E</sup>  
Butter part Strong wind and thick Weather  
Steering N<sup>W</sup> by Compass Employed at  
Setting up Shucks and other various jobs  
Spoke the *Ragare* Sloop of Gen Bedford  
4 Whales this season the Ship South Boston  
of Fairhaven 12 Whales

Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part blowing a fresh Gale from S<sup>E</sup>  
with thick squally Weather Middle part  
the same Butter part Light breezes and  
variable and pleasant Steering S<sup>W</sup>  
12 Ships in sight



Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master  
July 1852

Sunday July 18th 1852

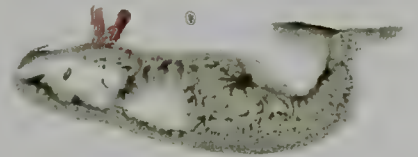
Fine part fresh breezes from Southwest with Clear  
pleasant Weather Steering by the wind on the Southern  
tack at 4 p.m. Saw several Whales going quick  
too the North Southwest but without Success

Middle and latter part fresh breezes from  
South and Southeast Saw a number of Whales  
and they were in sight So Ends these 24 hours

Lat by obs 64° 35' S Long by Chron 176° 20' W

Monday July 19th 1852

Fine part fresh breezes from Southwest with  
Clear pleasant Weather Saw a number of  
Whales and very shy all of the boats  
Employed at Chasing Whales at 4 p.m.  
the boat boat struck at 10 p.m. We took  
the Whale too the ship and set the Whales  
at 12 Midnight the Wind hauled suddenly  
too the North and blowing fresh latter  
part Moderate at 4 a.m. Commenced  
Cutting finished at 12 Noon



Tuesday July 20th 1852

Fine part Moderate breezes and Clear Weather  
Employed at Clearing up decks and Stowing  
home spoke the Bark Fortune of New Bedford  
and gave her her Boat spoke the ship  
Catherine of New London & Whales this season  
the ship Edward of Vintagebet & Whales  
the ship Brooklyn of New London & Whales  
Middle and latter part strong Wind  
from Southeast and Clear at 5 a.m. Spoke  
the ship Casper of New Bedford & Whales  
Saw one Whale 45 Ships in sight  
Saw in sight



# Log Book of The Ship Magazine

July 1852

Wednesday July 21st 1852  
Fore part Strong Wind from Southwest  
with pleasant Weather Ship Under  
double reefed topsails Steering by the wind  
to the Southeast in Company with the  
Ship Europa of New Bedford  
Middle part Moderate breeze. Latter part  
Light with and variable Land in Sight  
Saw a number of Humpback Whales  
Employed at various jobs So Ends these 24 hours

Lat by obs 64.29 & Long by Chron 176.00 W

Thursday July 22nd 1852  
Fore part Light increasing breeze from Southwest  
Steering N N W with Main top Gallant reefed  
Middle part Strong breezes at 9 p.m.  
Steered S W took in the Main top Gallant and  
and double reefed the topsails at 11 p.m.  
Luffed to the wind a back Latter part  
Strong wind and thick rising Weather  
Steering by the wind on the Southern tack  
So Ends these 24 hours

Friday July 23rd 1852  
Fore part fresh breezes from Southwest with thick  
Weather Middle part Calm Latter part  
Moderate breezes from Southwest and pleasant  
Steering Southeast by Compass Saw quite a number  
of Humpback and Finback Whales the Ship  
in Sight Spoke the Brigantine Prudent of  
Stonington & Whales this Season So Ends these  
24 hours two men sick

Lat by obs 64.31 & Long 179.36 W



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of Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master  
July 1852

Saturday July 24<sup>th</sup> 1852  
Fore part Moderate breezes from South with  
pleasant Weather Steering by the wind to the  
Eastward two Sails in sight Saw quite Numbers  
of Humpback Whales Middle and Latter  
part Light breezes from Southeast Steering  
on the wind to the Eastward one Sail in sight  
Employed at putting out the Small Anchors  
and heaving the Chains and other various jobs  
Saw in sight to End these 24 hours  
two Men Sick

Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup> 1852  
Fore part Light Southerly wind and fair  
Weather Steering East by with by Compass  
Middle part Light breezes and thick at  
8 p.m. Hauled the Main Yarn aboard  
Latter part Light Southerly wind and  
Clear at 6 a.m. Saw a Number of Whales  
going Southward quick Sounded but without  
Success Sailed in sight and 11 Ships  
bound through Behring Straits one Cannon  
Came off from there with seven Sails  
So Ends these 24 hours two Men Sick

Monday July 26<sup>th</sup> 1852  
Fore part Light Southerly wind and Clear  
Weather Steering through Behring Straits  
16 Ships in sight Middle and Latter part  
Light breezes and foggy at 12 Midnight Started  
the wake at 6 a.m. the fog let up and Saw  
a Number of Whales two poles and a Number of  
the Callisnoia Whales Employed at heaving and  
Chaining Whales and other various jobs  
So Ends these 24 hours one Man Sick

Lat. by obs 64 45. 1' Long 172 00 West -



# Log Book of the Ship Niagara

July 1852

Tuesday July 27<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours fresh southerly breeze and thick weather. Saw too with the main gun at anchor. Employed at boiling and other various jobs. Spoke the Ship Unions of San Rufford & Whales the Ship Levi Starbuck of San Rufford & Whales this season. At Ends these 24 hours one man sick.

Wednesday July 28<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh southerly wind and thick weather. Middle wind lighter and fresh breezes and clear weather. Fore and Middle part day black. Spoke the ship at 12 Midnight finished boiling tea and spoke the ship gunner Wain of San Rufford at anchor. 5 Whales at 6 a.m. spoke the ship Crozier of San Rufford at Whales harbor. South at 10 a.m. Made East Cape.

Thursday July 29<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part moderate breezes from South with rain at 4 p.m. We let go the small anchor off East Cape at 11 p.m. staying at anchor and several under way at 10 p.m. the wind lighted suddenly too the weather and blowing heavy the ship struck adrift broke the anchor. Cauter all hands and cleared away the large anchor and let go. Latter part blowing strong from South and gradually blowing to the East. At 11 p.m. with thick fog and rain all hands lay out at stowing down. At Ends these 24 hours one man sick.



of Sushaven Benjamin Clough Master  
July 1852

Friday July 30<sup>th</sup> 1852

All these 24 hours Light Easterly wind and a thin fog Ship Laying at anchor off East Cape Behring Straits at 12 noon got under way. So ends these 24 hours two men sick

Saturday July 31<sup>st</sup> 1852

Fire part Light Easterly breezes and a thick fog and rain. Ship Under way off East Cape Laying on the Northern tack with the main yard aback. Middle and latter part Moderate breezes and a thick fog Ship Laying aback all of these 24 hours one man sick

August 1852

Sunday Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours Moderate Easterly breezes with a thick fog Ship Laying aback all of these 24 hours on the Northern tack. Late numbers of the Walrus and the Californian Whales around at 4 p. M. Landed and struck a Walrus and took him on board

Monday Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours Light air and Calm and a thick fog. Late numbers of Californian Whales and Walrus around

Tuesday Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours Light variable wind with fog. Land and Ice in sight and 7 ships were a building. Employed at starting. Broke and Water at 4 p. M. Spike the Ship Hansa of Bremen 5 Whales this season



# Log Book of the Ship Niagara of August 1852

Wednesday Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Light variable Wind with few Squalls  
Eight or ten Ships in sight at 6 p.m. Saw  
two polar Whales and several but without  
success Middle part Calm and a part of  
Latter part Clouds and several Whales and very  
wild all of the Boats Employed in Chasing but  
without success 6 Ships in sight and one a Cottony  
Land and Ice in sight

Thursday Aug 5<sup>th</sup> 1852

First part of these 24 hours Light Easterly breezes  
and Clouds Land and Ice in sight

Middle and Latter part the same  
Saw Plenty of Whales and very shy  
the Boats Employed in Chasing Whales  
but without success

Friday Aug 6 1852

All these 24 hours Light Easterly breeze  
with few Squalls Saw Plenty of Whales  
and very wild All four Boats Employed  
in Chasing but without success Land in  
sight 7 Ships in sight and a Cottony

Saturday Aug 7<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours Light with from West East  
with Clear pleasant Weather and Plenty  
of Whales all of the Boats Employed in  
Chasing at 4 p.m. the Starboard Boat Struck  
at 6 p.m. took the Whale to the ship  
at 7 p.m. Commenced Cutting finished at  
12 Midnight and set the Watch  
at 7 a.m. started the Works





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Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Carter

Sunday Aug 8<sup>th</sup> 1852

Sea part fresh breeze from North East with Clear  
Weather Saw plenty of Whales but very wild  
Employed at boiling and Chasing Whales  
at 5 p. M. Spoke the Ship Chandler Price of New Bedford  
17 Whales Middle and Latter part Calm  
and a thick fog Employed at boiling and  
other various jobs at 12 noon the Commodore First Officer  
of the Ship Majestic of New Bedford came on Board  
for Letters Reporting his ship having taken 10 Whales  
this season

Monday Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 1852

Sea part Calm and a thick fog Employed at  
boiling and other various jobs

Middle and Latter part Clear Weather and  
Light Southwesterly breeze Plenty of Whales and  
wild at 7 a. M. finished boiling all Hands  
Employed at Chasing Whales without success  
saw 12 or 14 ships in sight

Tuesday Aug 10<sup>th</sup> 1852

Sea part Light Southwesterly breeze with rain  
Saw plenty of Whales and wild all of the Boats  
Employed at Chasing at 7 p. M. the Starboard  
Boat struck at 8 p. M. took the Whale to the  
Ship at 9 p. M. Commenced Cutting

Middle part pleasant at 1 a. M. finished  
Cutting and let the Watch Latter part fresh breeze  
and Clear All Hands Employed at Stowing down  
Saw a number of Whales the Starboard boat lowered  
but without success. Found in sight and 30 ships  
Spoke the Ship Nile of San Francisco 8 Whales





Log Book of The Ship Niagara of  
Aug 1852

Wednesday Aug 11<sup>th</sup> 1852

Air, part fresh breeze from South East and rising  
Weather All Hands Employed at Steering down  
Middle part pleasant Latter part strong  
breezes from North East and thick. Saw a number  
of Whales at 4 a m the Larkins Boat Landed  
and struck at 7 a m took the Whale too the Ship  
at 8 a m Commenced Cutting and finished at 12  
Soon Land in Sight



Thursday Aug 12<sup>th</sup> 1852

Air part Moderate breezes and variable with thick  
Weather all Hands Employed at Clearing up decks  
boiling and other various jobs Middle and Latter  
part fresh Northerly wind and thick Weather. Saw a number  
of Whales Laying Still at 8 a m Landed the Boat  
the Boat struck the Whale saw too the Larkins  
at 4 hours at 12 soon killed him and took him too the  
Ship Land ice and a Grite many Ships in Sight



Friday Aug 13<sup>th</sup> 1852

This After noon begins with fresh Northerly wind  
and thick Weather at 3 p m Commenced Cutting  
and finished at 8 p m and set the Watch Middle  
part Moderate breezes Latter part Calm the Watch  
Employed at Clearing up decks and boiling at 8 a m  
Commenced Steering down Land in Sight



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Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Austin

August 1852

Saturday Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Calm and a thick fog All Hands Employed  
at boiling and Stowing down Middle part Light  
Easterly wind with Clear Weather Latter part fresh breezes  
from North East and Cloudy Employed at boiling  
Setting up Shucks Stutting Bread and other  
various jobs

Sunday Aug 15<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Stormy breezes from Southeast with pleasant  
Weather Employed at boiling and other various jobs.  
Saw several Whales Sighting still Sailed one Boat  
but without Success Middle and Latter part fresh  
breezes from North and Clear all Hands Employed  
at boiling and Stowing down 25 Ships in sight  
3 at boiling 10 Whales in sight

Monday Aug 16<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Light Northerly breezes and Clear Weather  
Sighting Under Short Sail Boiling and Stowing down  
Middle and Latter part fresh breezes from East with  
fog Squalls Employed at boiling and other various  
jobs at 5 a M Spoke the Ship Abraham Barker of New  
Bedford 10 Whales Hunting two Hundred too. All  
Saw too three Whales going quick towards the Ice  
Large Bodies of Ice in sight at 11 a M Spoke the  
Ship Investigator of Fairhaven 13 Whales  
the Berque Com Peble of Lynn 15 Whales



# Log Book of the Ship Niagara of August 1852

Thursday Aug 18<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours fresh breezes from S.W. with  
thick foggy rain. Weather all Hands Employed at  
boiling and stowing down at 4 p.m. finished  
boiling a number of Ships in sight and large  
blocks of Ice

Wednesday Aug 18<sup>th</sup> 1852

Five part strong double reefed topsails breezes  
and thick rain. Weather all Hands Employed  
at stowing down at 5 p.m. finished stowing  
off the fore pole Mizzen and latter part  
strong wind from East with snow and rain. Squalls  
thick. Under double reefed topsails at 10 p.m. the first  
on different tacks a number of Ships in sight  
and quite quantities of Ice in sight

Thursday Aug 19<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours strong wind from Southwest  
with clear weather. Ship steering by the wind  
Under double reefed topsails on the Eastern tack  
a number of Ships in sight steering by the wind  
on different tacks Land in sight the Island of  
Shulichen



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Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master  
August 1852

Friday Aug 20<sup>th</sup> 1852  
Fore part Strong wind from Northwest and Clear  
Weather Ship Under double reefed topsails Steering  
Southeast by Compass at 4 p.m. Luffed to the wind  
on the Eastern tack at 6 p.m. Dore Ship  
Middle and Latter part Strong wind from South  
Ship Under double reefed topsails Steering by the wind  
on the Eastern tack a Great many Ships in sight  
Surrounding Every point of the Compass

Lat by Obs 67.47 N Long 175.00 W

Saturday Aug 21<sup>st</sup> 1852  
All of these 24 hours Strong Northerly wind and  
Clear Weather Ship Steering by the wind Under  
topsails and courses on the Eastern tack 30 Ships  
in sight only 2 a boiling Sea Great numbers  
of California Whales and the Walrus but no porpoises

Lat by Obs 67.51 N Long by Chd 176.00 W

Sunday Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> 1852  
Fore part fresh Northerly breezes and Clear Weather  
Ship Steering by the wind on the Western tack  
Middle and Latter part Calm and pleasant  
all Hands Employed at Stowing down oil and Storing  
Provisions into Casks and other various jobs



# Log Book of The Ship Kayum of Aug 1852

Monday Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> 1852

Very quiet. Light airs from Southeast and pleasant  
steering North by Compass. Middle and Latter part  
fresh breezes. At 7 p M Steered N W at 6 a M  
Made the Ice and Sailed for the wind on the  
Eastern track. Saw a Number of Ships running off  
to the Northward

Lat by obs 69° 40' N Long 168° 00' W

Tuesday Aug 24<sup>th</sup> 1852

Very quiet. Strong whole tropical breezes from Southeast  
and Clouds. Steering by the wind on the Eastern  
track. Saw some 10 or 12 Ships steering different  
Courses. Middle and Latter part strong Easterly  
breeze and clear Weather. Steering to the Northward  
at 4 a M took Ship and spoke the Ship  
Thos. Thosington of New Bedford 13 Whales and  
then Steered to the Southwest in Company with her

Lat by obs 70° 01' N Long 167° 36' W

Wednesday Aug 25<sup>th</sup> 1852

Very quiet fresh breezes from East with clear Weather  
steering to the Southward in Company with the  
Ship Thosington at 7 p M spoke the Ship  
Monongahela of New Bedford 13 Whales  
Middle and Latter part calm and in light

Lat by obs 69° 02' N Long 167° 00' W

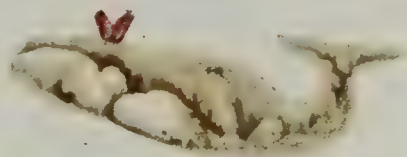


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August 1852

Thursday Aug 26<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine part Light increasing breezes from East with  
pleasant Weather Steering to the Southward at 4 p M  
Spoke the Ship Republic of Bremen 7 Whales  
Middle part fresh breezes Sautter part light  
winds at 9 a M Spoke the Brigade Adashonts of  
Salem 10 Whales a boiling at 10 a M Saw  
Whales and Sounded the Subboard Boat struck



Friday Aug 27<sup>th</sup> 1852

this Afternoon Comes in with fresh Easterly wind  
and Clear Weather at 3 p M took the Whale  
too the Ship at 4 1/2 Commenced Cutting and finished  
at 40 and set the Dutch Middle and Sautter part  
fresh breezes at 5 a M Saw plenty of Whales the  
Dutch Boat Sounded and struck at 8 a M took  
the Whale too the Ship and Cleared away for Cutting  
plenty of Whales and 40 Ships in sight



Saturday Aug 28<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine part Moderate breezes with some Squalls  
Employed at Cutting at 6 p M finished Cutting  
and set the Dutch Middle part Strong wind  
from North at 8 p M Started the works  
Sautter part the Same Employed at boiling and  
Setting Up Shooks and other various jobs



# Log Book of The Ship Niagara of

Aug 1852

Sunday Aug 29<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours Strong Southerly wind with thick Weather Employed at boiling and setting up Shooks at 2 p.m. Saw a dead Whale and took him to the ship at 7 with Compressed Cutters and finished at 12 noon Spike the ship with 12 Whales



Monday Aug 30<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine part Moderate Southerly wind with thick weather Employed at boiling setting up Shooks and other various jobs  
Middle and Latter part the same

Tuesday Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours Light Southerly breezes with thick Weather Employed at boiling setting up Shooks and other various jobs

Wednesday Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1852

Fine part Light Westerly wind and clear pleasant Weather Employed at boiling setting up Shooks & 4 ships in sight 6 a boiling found in sight

Middle and Latter part Light Southerly breezes and pleasant All Hands Employed at boiling and storing down

Spike the ship with 14 Whales



Wishaven Benjamin Clough Master

September 1852

Thursday Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 1852

Fore part bright Southby, breeze with pleasant Weather  
Middle and latter part fresh Easterly wind and  
Cloudy All Hands Employed at Hoisting down at 6  
p M finished bellying spoke the ship America of  
New Bedford 12 Whales the ship Brannin of New  
Bedford 10 Whales

Friday Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 1852

Fore part strong Easterly wind and Cloudy  
Ship Under Short Sail All Hands Employed  
at Hoisting down

Middle and latter part fresh Southby wind  
with Clear Weather all Hands Employed at Hoisting down

Saturday Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours strong Southby gale with Clear  
Weather Sailing on the Eastern took Under Short Sail  
all Hands Employed at Hoisting down and several  
Whales So Ends these 24 hours

Sunday Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part strong Southby gale, wind rising  
Ship Sailing too on the Eastern took all Hands  
Employed at Hoisting down at 5 p M Moderate  
Saw a great number of Whales in game Sailing  
Still and lowered three Boats the Starboard Boat  
Struck and got - there and the Sides down

Middle and latter part, light air and calm and  
Clear Weather plenty of Whales at 4 a M the Starboard  
and Waist Boat Toward the Starboard Boat Struck at 7 a M  
took the Whale in tow at 10 a M got him too the ship  
all Hands Employed at Clearing away for sailing  
So Ends these 24 hours





# Log Book of The Ship Niagara of September 1852

Monday Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours fresh Easterly breezes with Hazy weather  
at 4 p m Commenced Cutting at 6 p m finished  
Cutting and set the Watch Middle and Lutter  
part Strong wind and plenty of Whales  
working - Sounded too the Northward 50 Ships in Sight  
All Hands Employed at Chasing Whales and  
other various jobs

Tuesday Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Strong Easterly Wind with thick Weather  
Saw plenty of Whales all of the Boats Employed at  
Chasing but without success at 2 p m Started the  
Boats Middle part Moderate breezes and foggy  
Lutter part Strong wind and Clear 6 Whales  
in Sight Employed at boiling setting up Shooks  
and other various jobs Spike the Ship with Stair  
of New London 9 Whales the Ship Part General  
of New Bedford 16 Whales

Wednesday Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Strong Easterly wind with Clear Weather  
Middle part Strong wind with thick rainy Weather  
Lutter part Light wind and a thick fog  
Employed at boiling setting up Shooks and  
other various jobs



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September 1852

Thursday Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh Easterly wind with thick Weather  
Employed at boiling and setting up Shooks  
Middle part Calm and thick Scattered part  
fresh Northerly wind and Cloudy sun too the  
Southward Under Short Sail Saw a Number of  
Ships Under Short Sail Laying by the wind  
at 10 p M finished boiling

Friday Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh Northerly wind and Cloudy  
running too the Southward at 8 p M Spoke the  
Ship Pollus of Harve 1500 lbs  
Middle and Scattered part Moderate breeze and Clear  
Weather Saw a few Scattering Whales and very shy

Saturday Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh breezes from Southwest with Clear Weather  
Middle part Calm and a thick fog  
Scattered part fresh Northerly breeze and Clear Steering by  
the wind on the western tack all Hands Employed at  
Showering down Spoke the Dark Prudent of Stonington 11 Whales  
the Ship Alex Coffin of Sea Redford 14 Whales

Sunday Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Moderate breeze and pleasant Middle  
and Scattered part Calm and a thick fog  
Spoke the Ship Canbria of Sea Redford 11 Whales

Monday Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours Light air and visible with a  
thick fog Employed at various jobs such as Shooking  
oil Casks and other Ships duty



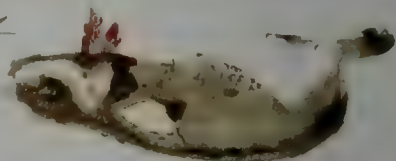
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Tuesday Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine part Light Northerly breezes and thick Weather  
Middle and latter part fresh breezes Steering  
East by Compass

Wednesday Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine part Moderate Northerly breezes and thick Weather  
Steering East Middle and latter part  
Strong breezes with Clear Weather at 6 a.m.  
Saw Great numbers of Whales California Whales  
and long Heads Landed two Boats the Starboard  
Boat Struck at 10 a.m. took the Whale to the Ship  
and commenced cutting 5 ships in sight



Thursday Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 1852

This afternoon came in with strong Northerly wind  
with Clear Weather Employed at cutting  
took in the throat and lips and the piece tore  
off the Whale sank and parted the Neck chain  
Middle part strong breezes latter part  
Moderate breezes and pleasant wind plenty of  
Whales at 6 a.m. Landed two Boats the Starboard  
Boat Struck at 9 a.m. took him to the Ship  
and commenced cutting



Friday Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine part Moderate breezes and fine  
Weather Employed at cutting and returned  
up Shuck's Middle and latter part  
fresh Easterly breezes and Cloudy at 8 p.m.  
finished cutting and set the watch at 9 a.m.  
Saw plenty of Whales Lying still Saw and  
the Starboard Boat Struck at 10 a.m. took the  
Whale to the Ship one man killed





# Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master

September 1852

Saturday Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh Easterly breezes with Cloudy Weather  
Employed at boiling and Coopering and other  
various jobs Middle and Latter part Light  
breezes and foggy at 8 a.m. Commenced Cutting  
at 12 Noon finished Cutting and splitting the  
blubber one man sick

Sunday Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Moderate breezes and foggy Employed  
at boiling setting up shooks repairing bone  
and other various jobs Middle and Latter part  
the same Spoke the Ship Chandler Price of Red Beef and  
14 Whales 36 Ships in sight saw two or three Whales  
two men sick

Tuesday Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh westerly and with Clear Weather  
Employed at boiling setting up shooks and  
other various jobs Had a few scattering Whales  
and saw three Ships at Cutting

Middle part foggy Latter part Moderate breezes  
and pleasant Employed at Coopering and Stowing  
down two men sick

Wednesday Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 1852

Fore part Moderate breezes and pleasant all Hands  
Employed at Stowing down Middle and Latter  
part fresh breezes at 6 a.m. Hoisted in the  
rest of blubber and set double reefed top sails  
steering by the wind to the Eastward saw a few  
Whales going quick to the South Employed at  
boiling and other various jobs Spoke the Ship  
Harriet of Red Lobster 1700 lbs  
two men sick



Log Book of The Ship Kingman of  
September 1852

Thursday Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> 1852

Fine part Light breezing Rather cool and  
pleasant Middle and Latter part fresh  
Northerly Gale took in sail too a double reefed  
Main top sail Ship lying on the Eastern tack  
Employed at boiling and other various jobs  
at 12 Noon finished boiling three Men Sick  
two Men sick

Friday Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine part Commences with a strong Gale from  
Southeast and thick Weather Ship lying on  
the Eastern tack under Close reefed Main  
top sail and stay sail Middle and Latter  
part blowing heavy with an angry sea on  
at 12 Midnight a sea bounded carried away  
Gangway board and a grate number barrels of  
provisions Shooks Hides and one butt of oil  
and a number of other usefull articles  
three Men Sick

Saturday Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours blowing a heavy Gale  
from South East with thick Weather  
Ship Lying too on the Eastern tack under  
Close reefed Main top sail and fore topmast stay sail  
four Men Sick

Sunday Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine part blowing a strong Gale from Southeast  
and thick weather Middle part the same  
Latter part More Moderate and a thick fog  
four Men Sick



Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master  
September 1852

Monday Sept 27<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fair part Moderate Easterly wind with a thick fog  
at 2 p. M. wore ship and set the foresail and  
Mizzen top sail. Close reefed at 4 p. M. Saw two  
ships steering too the Southwest Middle part Clear  
Latter part foggy Lay with the main yard aback  
at 10 a. M. Spoke the ship South Boston of Fairhaven  
2000 lbs bound too the Sandwich Islands

Tuesday Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fair part Moderate Easterly wind with a thick fog  
Lay with the main yard aback in company with  
the ship South Boston Middle part Clear  
Lay aback Latter part Strong increasing wind  
from North at 3 a. M. kept off steering Southeast  
at 9 a. M. Made the Land and luffed up East  
at 10 a. M. Made East Cape bearing E. S. E. distant 8  
Miles the ship South Boston in company and several  
other ships in sight

Wednesday Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 1852

This Afternoon came in with a strong North ship  
sprits double reefed top sails running for St. Lawrence  
Bay at 6 p. M. came too off the South of the North  
Head wind blowing a fresh Gale  
Middle and Latter part blowing a strong Gale  
and Clear Laying at Anchor at the Mouth of  
St. Lawrence Bay all Hands Employed at  
Coopering and Stowing down Oil Saw several  
ships pass steering too the Southwest



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September 1852

Thursday Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine part of these 24 hours Strong Northerly wind  
Laying at anchor at the Mouth of St Lawrence  
Bay all Hands Employed at Coasting and Stowing  
down oil at 7 p M finished Stowing down  
Middle part Strong wind in Squalls  
Latter part Moderate breezes at 5 a M took  
a raft on shore for Water at 12 Noon got the  
Water to the Ship So Ends these 24 hours

October 1852

Friday Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1852

Fine part fresh Northerly wind and pleasant all  
Hands Employed at Coasting and Lashing up  
Water Ship Laying at the Mouth of St Lawrence  
Bay Middle part Moderate breezes at 12 Midnight  
Called all Hands and got Under way  
Latter part fresh increasing wind from North  
Steering before the wind South by Compass Land in  
sight all a long shore all Hands Employed at  
Lashing the Anchors and Stowing a bag the Chimes  
So Ends these 24 hours

Saturday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours blowing a strong Northerly Gull  
Steering South by Compass at 8 p M took in  
the Main top Gullant sail and double reefed  
the topsails at 10 p M took in the Mizzen top sail  
Ludding before the wind Moder double reefed  
Fore and Main topsails a large sea running  
the Ship filling her decks full of Water  
at 11 p M took in the waist boat  
at 9 a M saw a Ship Steering before the wind  
So Ends these 24 hours



# Tuiskunen Benjamin Clough Master

Sunday Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 1852

Fine part strong Northerly wind and squally with  
snow and rain. Steering South by East by Compass  
Middle and latter part Moderate breezes and  
pleasant at 4 a M set whole topsails and  
Main top fullantail at 7 a M steering S E by S  
by Compass So Ends these 24 hours

at 3 o'clock

Lat by obs 58° 04' North  
Long by Chro 175° 40' West

Monday Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine part fresh Northerly wind and pleasant. Steering  
South East by South by Compass with Main top fullantail  
out Middle and latter part fresh breezes from  
North West with rain squalls at 12 Midnight set  
the jibs and Main sail the watch Employed at  
various jobs So Ends these 24 hours

at Noon

Lat by obs 54° 54' North  
Long by Chro 173° 30' West

Tuesday Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine part Moderate breezes and variable with  
squally weather Steering S E by Compass  
Middle and latter part Moderate breezes from  
North West and pleasant at 9 a M made  
the Land the Fox Islands two ships in sight  
the Dutches Employed at various jobs

Lat 51° 31' North  
Long 172° 00' West



# Log Book of the Ship Niagara of October 1852

Wednesday Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore and Middle parts Moderate variable wind  
with rain Squalls Landed in sight at 4 p M  
the Islands bore one bore West the other North East by  
Compass. Latter part fresh breezes from Southwest  
and pleasant Course South East by Compass  
the watches Employed at sending up the fore  
and Mizzen top Gallant Mast and yards  
bending sails &c

Set by Ab 50.31 South  
Sail by Ch 176.30 West

Thursday Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh breezes from South West with pleasant  
Weather Course South East by Compass  
Middle part Light airs and calm Latter  
part Light increasing breezes from Southeast  
and Cloudy Steering by the wind on the Southern  
tack the watches Employed at various jobs

No observations these 24 hours

Friday Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh breezes from South East with thick  
Cloudy Weather Steering by the wind Under all  
Sail on the Southern tack at 6 p M took in  
the top Gallant Sails and double reefed the  
top sails and reefed the Courses Middle and  
Latter part Strong wind from East and Southeast  
with thick Weather Steering S. S. E. by Compass at  
2 o M Split the fore topmast staysail and sent it in  
the water. Employed at various jobs repairing the  
staysail &c

No observations these 24 hours



Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Muster  
October 1852

Saturday Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Moderate Easterly wind and a thick fog  
Steering S.S.E. by Compass at 2 p.m. Set whole topsail  
and Courses and Main top Gallant sail

Middle part Moderate breezes and thick rainy weather  
Latter part Stormy wind at 6 a.m. the wind backed  
suddenly to the South west took in all sail down  
to double reefed topsails and reefed Courses a large swell  
running from the South ship steering S.E. by E by Compass

Lat by Ob 46.10 North  
Long by Chron 169.12 West

Sunday Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours Strong Southwesterly Gale with  
heavy squalls of wind and rain and a large swell running  
from the South steering S.E. by E by Compass at 7 a.m.  
took in sail too a close reefed Main topsail  
and reefed foresail and luffed too at 5 a.m.  
saw a ship to the leeward Lying too

Monday Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours Strong Westerly wind with  
rain squalls ship Lying too Under a close reefed  
Main topsail at 4 p.m. Set a double reefed  
Main topsail and reefed foresail kept off E.S.E.  
at 7 p.m. Set the fore topsail double reefed  
at 10 a.m. Set a whole Main topsail and Main sail

At 12 Noon Lat by Ob 43.30 North  
Long by Chron 166.00 West



# Log Book of The Ship Niagara of

October 1852

Thursday Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours Strong Northwesterly wind  
with rain squalls Steering S E by E by Compass  
Under all Sail the Watches Employed at Cleaning  
Ship and other various jobs

At Noon Lat by obs 40 46 North  
Long by obs 16 36 West

Wednesday Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours Strong North west wind  
and Cloudy Ship Under all Sail Steering  
S E by E by Compass the Watches Employed  
at various jobs

Thursday Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 1852

Five part of these 24 hours Strong North west  
wind and Cloudy Ship Under all Sail  
Steering S E by Compass

Middle and latter part fresh Northerly wind  
and pleasant weather Course South East by Compass  
Employed at Cleaning Ship and other various jobs

Lat by obs 35 12 North  
Long by obs 15 40 West

Friday Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours Moderate Northerly breezes  
and pleasant weather Ship Under all Sail  
Steering S S E by Compass Employed at  
various jobs at 8 A M Spoke the Ship  
John Hancock of New Bedford bound to  
Cocoa Sandwich Island

Lat by obs 32 26 North  
Long by obs 15 43 West



Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master  
October 1852

Saturday Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours Moderate Northerly breezes and  
Cloudy Weather Ship Under all Sail Steering  
SSE by Compass Employed at Clearing Ship  
receiving Bait and other various jobs the Ship  
John Howland in Sight  
No Observations these 24 hours

Sunday Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours Light Northerly breezes and  
fine pleasant Weather Ship Under all Sail  
Steering SSE by Compass the Ship John Howland  
in Sight these 24 hours took no Lunar Observations  
At Noon Lat by Obs 29 00 North  
Long by Lunar 157 40 West

Monday Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours Light Wind and variable  
with pleasant Weather Ship Under all sail  
Steering SSE by Compass Employed at  
Ships duty Drying line and other various jobs  
the Ship John Howland in Sight  
At Noon Lat by Obs 28 16 North  
Long by Obs 157 00 West

Tuesday Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours Moderate Easterly Wind  
and Squally Ship Under all Sail Steering S by E  
by Compass Employed at home and other various  
jobs the Ship John Howland in sight  
At Noon Lat by Obs 26 45 North  
Long by Obs 157 00 West



# Log Book of the Ship Kinguin of October 1852

Wednesday Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine part Moderate variable Wind Middle and  
Latter part Strong trade wind and Squally  
Ship Under all Sail Steering S by E by  
Compass two Ships in sight Employed  
at various jobs

Thursday Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 1852

Fine part of these 24 hours Strong trade wind  
and squally Weather Ship with Main top  
Gallant Sail out Steering S by E by Compass  
Middle and Latter part the same  
at 8 a m made the Land the Island of Muni  
bearing S S W by compass at 12 Noon the  
Ship was off the port of Lohuina Capt went on  
shore so ends these 24-hours

Friday Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> 1852

Fine part of these 24 hours pleasant Weather  
Ship off the port of Lohuina Capt. on shore  
at 7 p m Capt came on board and kept off  
for Caba Middle and Latter part Strong  
trade Ship Under Short Sail sailing for the  
Island of Caba at 7 a m off the port of Mundaia  
at 10 a m Capt went on shore Ship Laying  
off and on at 12 Noon came two Ankers off the  
Harbour in the outer Road

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Kiikawren Benjamin Clough Muster

Oct 1852

Saturday Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours Light trade and fine pleasant weather at 6 AM the pilot came out and took the ship into the harbor All Hands Employed at Moving Ship and other various jobs

Sunday Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours fine pleasant weather ship laying at Honolulu (aka Sandwich Islands)

Monday Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine weather ship Laying at Honolulu (aka Sandwich Islands) All Hands Employed at Laying and bundling here

Tuesday Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine weather Laying at anchor at Honolulu (aka Sandwich Islands) All Hands Employed at Laying and bundling here Discharging and putting it on board of the Barque Teikellu

Wednesday Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine pleasant weather Laying at Anchor at Honolulu (aka Sandwich Islands) All hands Employed at Laying and bundling here Discharging and putting it on board of the Barque Teikellu

Thursday Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fine pleasant weather Laying at Anchor at Honolulu (aka Sandwich Islands) All Hands Employed at Laying and bundling here Discharging and putting it on board of the Barque Teikellu

Friday Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 1852

Pleasant weather At Laying at Honolulu (aka Sandwich Islands) All Hands Employed at Laying and bundling here Discharging and putting it on board of the Barque Teikellu



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October 1852

Saturday Oct 30<sup>th</sup> 1852  
fine pleasant Weather Sailing at Honolulu Cebu  
All Hands Employed at Cleaving Ship and  
Other various jobs

Sunday Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 1852  
fine pleasant Weather All Hands on shore to  
Practice their Sailing Honolulu Cebu

Monday Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 1852  
fine pleasant Weather Sailing at  
Honolulu Cebu one Watch on liberty  
the other Employed at painting Ship

Tuesday Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 1852  
fine pleasant Weather Sailing at  
Honolulu Cebu one Watch on liberty  
the other Employed at painting Ship

Wednesday Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 1852  
there 24 hours light southerly wind and rain  
Sailing at Honolulu Cebu one Watch  
on liberty the other Employed at various jobs

Thursday Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 1852  
fine Weather Sailing at Honolulu Cebu  
one Watch on liberty the other Employed at  
painting Ship and other various jobs

Friday Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 1852  
fine pleasant Weather Sailing at Honolulu  
Cebu one Watch on liberty the other Employed  
at painting Spars and other various jobs



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# Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master

November 1852

Saturday Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1852

fine pleasant weather saying at Honolulu came  
one Watch on liberty the other Employed at  
taking on board Water and other various jobs

Sunday Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 1852

Saying at Honolulu and fine pleasant  
Weather all Hands on Shore to Meeting at  
some where else Nengo Dillingham Departed

Monday Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1852

pleasant Weather saying Honolulu came  
all Hands Employed at taking on board Water  
and bending sails and other various jobs in the  
light three Men Departed Lewis Hewitt boat Steerer

Benjamin Bottiff

George H. Petersen

Tuesday Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 1852

fine Weather saying at Honolulu came  
all Hands Employed at on making ship  
at 6 p m the Pilot came on board and  
took the ship out of the harbor

Wednesday Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 1852

Moderate trades and fine Weather ship  
Saying off on the part of Honolulu came  
Capt on Shore at 7 a m the boat went on  
Shore at 11 a m the boat came off bringing  
Dillingham from the port all Hands Employed  
at Stowing the Anchors and Chains

Thursday Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1852

light wind and pleasant Weather saying  
off on the part of Honolulu at 5 a m  
the Captain came on board and kept away  
steering S-S-E by Compass at 9 a m  
Sailed still leaving South 10 Miles distant

Lat 21.05 North  
Long 157.30 West



Log Book of The Ship Niagara of  
November 1852

Friday, Nov<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours light air and variable  
and pleasant weather Ship Under all sail  
sailing to the Southward the Dutches  
Employed at various jobs

Lat by Obs 20.23 North  
Long by Chron 158.14 West

Saturday Nov<sup>r</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours light breezes from  
East and North-east with pleasant weather  
Ship Under all sail Steering S.S.E. by Compass  
the Dutches Employed at fitting up rigging  
and other various jobs

Lat by Obs 19.31 North  
Long by Chron 158.13 West

Sunday Nov<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1852

First part of these 24 hours light breezes with  
fair squalls middle and latter part  
fresh breezes and pleasant Ship under all  
sail Steering to the Southward sail the  
Ships Steering South No Observations these 24 hours

Monday Nov<sup>r</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours fresh Easterly breezes  
with pleasant weather Steering by  
the wind to the Southward three Ships  
in sight Steering South the Dutches Employed  
at various jobs of Ships duty

Lat by Obs 15.14 North  
Long by Chron 158.20 West



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Tuesday Nov 16<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part. fresh breezes and pleasant Middle  
and Lutter part strong breezes and squally  
steering S S E by Compass at 7 a.m. split  
the gill and Unkent it to repair  
one man sick. Lat by Obs 42° 22' North  
Long by Chron 15° 52' 28" West

Wednesday Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours fresh trades and pleasant  
Weather Ship Under whole topsails and courses  
steering S S E by Compass Employed at various  
jobs tiding down &c

Lat by Obs 41° 20' North  
Long by Chron 15° 42' 22" West

Thursday Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part strong Easterly wind and clear Weather  
Ship Under whole topsails and courses steering  
S S E by Compass Middle part the same  
Lutter part fresh breezes and variable with  
heavy rain squalls

No Observations these 24 hours

Friday Nov 19<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Moderate breezes and variable with  
rain squalls Middle part the same  
Lutter part Light airs and variable and  
pleasant Employed at various jobs

No Observations these 24 hours

Saturday Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours Light Southerly breezes  
and fine Weather Employed at tiding down  
and other various jobs one sail in light

Lat by Obs 41° 54' North  
Long by Chron 15° 44' West

Sunday Nov 21<sup>st</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours Light breezes from the Southeast  
and pleasant Weather Ship Under all sail  
steering by the wind to the Southeast two sails in light

Lat by Obs 31° 09' North  
Long by Chron 15° 05' 50" West



# Log Book of The Ship Niagara of November 1852

Monday Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours fresh Easterly breezes with pleasant  
Weather Steering by the wind to the Southward  
at 10 p.m. took in the topgallant sails and  
were Ship came too with the main yard aback  
at 5 a.m. under Ship and made all sail Steering  
by the wind heading S by W by Compass at 7 a.m.  
Made Christmas of Pelee Island Southeast part  
kept off to the Westward running to the leeward of the  
Island Employed at repairing the main topsail  
Lat by obs 2, 04 South  
Long by Chro 157, 35 West

Tuesday Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours fresh breezes with fine pleasant  
Weather Steering by the wind to the Southward  
at 4 p.m. spoke the Ship Milo of New Bedford  
from Cuba bound on the line on a cruise  
Employed at repairing the fore topsail  
Lat by obs 00, 25 South  
Long by Chro 158, 00 West

Wednesday Nov 24<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours Moderate breezes from S E  
with fine pleasant Weather Steering S by E by  
Compass Employed at various jobs of Ship's duty  
Lat by obs 3, 27 South  
Long by Chro 157, 47 West

Thursday Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours Moderate breezes from S E  
and clear pleasant Weather Steering S by E  
by Compass at 10 a.m. saw a Barque Steering  
to the Southward the watch Employed at various  
jobs  
Lat by obs 5, 54 South  
Long by Chro 157, 43 West



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Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master  
November 1852

Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours fresh breezes from Northeast with  
pleasant weather steering South by East by compass  
Employed at various jobs

Lat by Obs 8, 33 South  
Long by Chron 157, 36 West

Saturday Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from Northeast  
middle and latter part light airs from South  
and pleasant steering South by East by compass  
Employed at various jobs

Lat by Obs 11, 27 South  
Long by Chron 157, 38 West

Sunday Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part of these 24 hours light breezes from South  
middle and latter part light airs and variable  
Course South by East by compass

Lat by Obs 12, 46 South  
Long by Chron 157, 36 West

Monday Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours light airs and variable and  
pleasant weather Employed at repairing the  
Main top Galliotrail and other various jobs

Lat by Obs 13, 39 South  
Long by Chron 157, 45 West

Tuesday Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours light breezes and variable from  
Northeast to Northwest with pleasant weather, course  
South by East by compass Employed at repairing  
the fore course

Lat by Obs 14, 33 South  
Long by Chron 157, 45 West



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Wednesday Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours light breezes from South and  
Southwest with pleasant Weather Course South  
by East by Compass Employed at repairing  
the Main Course

Lat by Obs 15° 27' South  
Long by Obs 157° 35' West

Thursday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours Light Air and variable and  
pleasant Weather Course South by Compass  
Employed at fitting a Cockett-sail and other  
various jobs

Lat by Obs 15° 54' South  
Long by Obs 157° 10' West

Friday Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 1852

Fore part of these 24 hours Calm Middle and  
Latter part Light breezes from Southeast with  
pleasant Weather Steering by the wind heading  
S. S. W. by Compass Employed at various jobs

Lat by Obs 16° 09' South  
Long by Obs 157° 14' West

Saturday Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours fresh breezes from S. E. Steering  
S. W. by S Employed at various jobs

Lat by Obs 17° 26' South  
Long by Obs 159° West

Sunday Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours fresh breezes from S. E.  
and pleasant Weather Steering S. West by S  
at 5 p. m. Steered South at 8 a. m. Made  
the Island of Whistootake bearing S. W. at  
10 a. m. Wore off the town the Capt went on shore  
a trading it being their Monday sent on board  
44 Hys and 190 Seal and a large quantity of fruit  
the Ship Midas laying off and on trading for Wood



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Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master  
December 1852

Monday Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes and fine  
Weather Sailing off and on the Island of Whetia  
Capt on Shore trading for recruits at 6 p. M.  
The Capt came on board and kept off Steering  
by the wind heading South and South by East  
Middle and Latter part Steering the same  
Lat by Obs 20° 32' South  
Long by Chron 159° 30' West

Tuesday Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes and pleasant  
Steering by the wind heading South by Compass  
at 2 p. M. Made the Island of Raratonga heading  
S. S. E. 36 miles distant Middle part Squally  
with variable winds and rain. Latter part pleasant  
at 8 a. M. landed into the land and the Capt  
went on Shore and shipped four Native Men  
at 11 a. M. came on board and kept off  
4 ships Sailing off and on the ship, Lancaster of  
New Bedford the ship Retsey Williams of America  
the ship Jefferson of San Francisco the ship  
Splendid of Calcutta

Lat by Obs 21° 50' South  
Long by Chron 159° 50' West

Wednesday Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes and  
pleasant Weather Steering by the wind heading  
South by East by Compass Middle and Latter part  
Light Easterly breeze Steering South East by Compass  
Lat by Obs 22° 55' South  
Long by Chron 159° 17' West

Thursday Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours Light air and variable and  
pleasant Weather Steering South East by Compass  
Lat by Obs 24° 00' South  
Long by Chron 159° 10' West



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December 1852

Friday Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part of these 24 hours light air and calm Middle  
part the same latter part fresh southeasterly breezes  
and squally steering by the wind heading South  
by compass at 10 observations these 24 hours

Saturday Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours fresh southeasterly breezes and  
squally weather steering South by compass  
at 10 p m took in sail down to double reef  
for sail a heavy head sea running at 5 AM  
Set all sail Lat by obs 26° 12' South  
Long by Chron 159° 42' West

Sunday Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part fresh easterly breezes with clear weather  
Ship under all sail steering South by compass  
Middle and latter part strong wind with  
scurvy squalls steering S S E at 10 p m  
took in the top & main sails and double reefed  
the topsails No observations these 24 hours  
Lat by obs 29° 00' Long by obs 158° 50' West

Monday Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours strong wind from S E  
with squalls steering S S E by compass Under  
top sails and courses at 12 noon took in the main sail  
and double reefed the topsails steering S by E  
Lat by obs 31° 30' South Long by obs 158° 40' West

Tuesday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part of these 24 hours strong wind from  
North East with squalls steering S by E by compass  
Under double reefed topsails and fore sail at  
2 p m Close reefed the fore and Mizzen topsails  
and reefed the fore sail Middle and latter part  
the same No observations these 24 hours  
Lat by obs 35° 50' South  
Long by obs 158° 00' West



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## December 1852

Wednesday Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes and variable with thick drizzling Weather Steering by the wind heading too the South East Under Short sail Middle part Light breezes from Southeast and South Latter part fresh breezes from Southwest and pleasant Made all sail Steering East by Compass Lat by Obs 36.50 South Long by Obs 156.30 West

Thursday Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part of these 24 hours Moderate breeze from S W and pleasant Steering East by Compass Middle and Latter part fresh breezes and variable from South and Southeast with rain squalls Course East

Friday Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part of these 24 hours Strong wind from S E with rain Steering by the wind heading Southeast by East Middle part Strong wind from the Eastward heading towards the North at 12 Midnight regd Ship heading S E by E Latter part Strong breezes North with rainy Weather with a large head sea Steering East Under double reefed topsails and fore sail at 11 A M Made Moderate set whole topsails and Courses

Saturday Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from North with rainy Weather Steering East by Compass

Middle part Strong wind from N W with rain Latter part Moderate breezes from West and pleasant Steering East Set the Studding sails lower side Lat by Obs 37.10 South Long by Obs 148.00 West

Sunday Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part Light breezes from West Steering East Under all sail Middle part the same Latter part Light airs and Calm No Observations these 24 hours



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December 1852 Monday Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part of these 24 hours Light air and visible with  
merry Weather Middle part Moderate breezes and  
visible Latter part fresh breezes from South East and  
pleasant Steering by the wind heading E & E by Compass  
Lat by Obs 37.11 South  
Long by Chron 46.00 West

Tuesday Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours Moderate Southeasterly winds with  
pleasant Weather Steering by the wind on the  
Eastern tack Employed at various jobs  
Lat by obs 36.41 South  
Long by Chron 44.30 West

Wednesday Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 1852

Fore part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes from S & E  
with pleasant Weather Steering by the wind to the E & S  
Middle and Latter part Moderate breezes from South  
and Southwest Course East by Compass  
Lat by obs 36.48 South  
Long by Chron 41.22 West

Thursday Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours Moderate breezes from Southwest  
and West with pleasant Weather Course East by Compass  
Employed at various jobs of ships duty  
Lat by obs 37.04 South  
Long by Chron 139.32 West

Friday Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part of 24 hours Moderate breezes from West  
and Cloudy Weather Steering East by Compass  
Middle and Latter part Light breezes from West  
and pleasant Course East by South the Watch  
Employed at various jobs  
Lat by obs 37.16 South  
Long by Chron 137.30 West



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Swinsboro Benjamin Wright Master  
Sams 1852

Saturday Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours Light breeze from West and pleasant  
with pleasant weather Steering East by Compass  
Employed at various jobs

Lat by Obs 37.36 South  
Long by Chron 135.00 West

Sunday Dec 26<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part of these 24 hours Light breezes from West  
Middle part fresh breezes from S W and pleasant  
latter part strong breezes from S E and Squalls  
Steering East by Compass Saw several fine Buck Whales

Lat at noon by obs 37.55 South  
Long by Chron 132.31 West

Monday Dec 27<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from S E  
Middle part moderate breezes latter part light breezes  
from South and pleasant course East by Compass  
Employed at various jobs of Ships duty

Lat by obs 38.06 South  
Long by Chron 129.29 West

Tuesday Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part of these 24 hours light air from Southeast  
with pleasant weather Steering East by Compass  
Middle and latter part Light breezes and variable  
Employed at various jobs of Ships duty at 12 noon Sailed  
and caught a turtle

Lat by obs 38.20 South

Long by Chron 129.00 West

Wednesday Dec 29<sup>th</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours Moderate Easterly breezes with  
pleasant weather Steering by the wind Employed at  
various jobs of Ships duty

Lat by obs 38.43 South  
Long by Chron 127.52 West



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Thursday Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 1852

Fore part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes from  
Southwest with fine pleasant Weather Steering by the  
wind on the Foremast tack Middle and Latter  
part Light-Easterly breezes and pleasant Steering  
by the wind on Different tacks Employed at  
various jobs of Ships duty Saw quite numerous  
and quite numbers of Birds Lat by Obs 38.39 South  
Long by Chron 127.00 West

Friday Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1852

All of these 24 hours Light-Easterly breezes and  
pleasant Weather Steering by the wind on different  
tacks Employed at various jobs at 10 a.m. Saw  
a boat and kept off for it at 12 noon not seeing  
it again luffed to the wind.

Lat by Obs 39.19 South  
Long by Chron 127.00 West

Saturday Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1853

Fore part Light air and variable and pleasant  
Middle part Light air and calm with rain  
squalls Latter part Light breezes from Southwest  
and pleasant Steering East by North by Compass  
Employed at breaking out and Coopers Bread  
and other various jobs

Lat by Obs 39.49 South  
Long by Chron 124.00 West

Sunday Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Moderate breeze from Southwest  
and West with pleasant Weather Steering E. S. E.  
by Compass

Lat by Obs 39.20 South  
Long by Chron 122.30 West

Monday Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes and  
variable from Southwest to East and Cloudy Weather  
Middle and Latter part fresh breezes from East  
with thick drizzling foggy Weather Steering E. S. E.  
by Compass Employed at various jobs Setting up Scho



# Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master

January 1853

Tuesday Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from Northwest with thick foggy weather Steering East Northeast by Compass Middle and Latter part the same day, being at setting up cheeks and other various jobs

Wednesday Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes from Northeast with foggy weather Steering East NorthEast by Compass Middle and Latter part fresh breezes from North and Clear weather Steering East Northeast by Compass Employed at various jobs Saw several whales & porpoises Lat by Obs 38° 55' South

Long by Chron 115° 31' West

Thursday Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from North with thick weather Middle part the same Latter part fresh breezes and pleasant Steering East Northeast by Compass Employed at various jobs

Lat by Obs 38° 49' South

Long by Chron 116° 35' West

Friday Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from North with thick weather Middle part the same

Latter part pleasant Steering East Northeast by Compass Employed at various jobs Lat by Obs 38° 35' South

Long by Chron 116° 13' West

Barometer 30 to

Saturday Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from Northwest and pleasant Middle part fair breezes and foggy Steering Northeast by East by Compass Latter part Moderate breezes and variable with drizzling rain Squalls Course N E by E by Compass

No Observations these 24 hours



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Sunday Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes and veering  
from Southwest to S.W. Course Southeast by East by Compass  
Middle part fresh breezes from Southwest  
Latter part Strong wind with rain Squally Course  
South by East at 8 a.m. took in the top and lower sails  
and double reefed the topsails. No Observations these 24 hours

Monday Jan 10<sup>th</sup> 1853

this afternoon comes in with strong wind from  
Southwest with rain Squally Middle part Moderate  
at 10 p.m. the wind hauled suddenly to  
South. Latter part fresh breezes and gradually  
clears tends the East wind and pleasant Weather  
Course Southeast by East by Compass at 2 a.m. made all sail  
Sailed by Chr 35.00 South  
Long by Chr 100.00 West

Tuesday Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh Southwesterly breezes and  
Cloudy Weather Steaming by the wind on the Southwestern  
hook Middle part light variable wind and  
pleasant Latter part fresh breezes from West and  
Squally Course Southeast by East by Compass Sailed  
an number of fine black Whales and several schools  
of porpoises at 8 a.m. sent two boats to butcher a porpoise  
but without success Employed at setting up hooks  
and sleeping them off

Sailed by Chr  
Long by Chr 96.00 West  
Bar 30.70

Wednesday Jan 12<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from West with rain  
Squally Course Southwest by East by Compass  
Middle and Latter part fresh breezes from  
West and Southwest with pleasant Weather  
Employed at setting up hooks and other various jobs  
Sailed by Chr 25.25 South  
Long by Chr 92.00 West  
Bar 30.60



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Thursday Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh Southeastly wind with pleasant Weather Course Southeast by East by Compass Employed at setting up ~~shocks~~ and Hooping them up  
Tide one fine back Water

Lat by Obs 34.17 South  
Long by Obs 85.00 West  
Bar 30 to

Friday Jan 14<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours strong Easterly wind with rain squalls Steering by the wind on the Northern and Eastern tack at 3 pm took in the top Gullwingsails at 5 pm Split the gill Hauled it down and furlled it and double reefed the top sails. Tiller part Employed at repairing the gill No Observations these 24 hours

Saturday Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours strong Easterly wind and Cloudy Weather Steering by the wind on the Southern tack at 4 a m tucked Ship to the Southward Employed at repairing the main top Gullwingsail No Observations these 24 hours

Sunday Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours strong Southeastly wind and pleasant Weather Steering by the wind on the Southwestern tack under whole top sails and courses Saw great numbers of Birds and several schools of porpoises

Lat by Obs 33.27 South  
Long by Obs 85.40 West  
Bar 30 to

Monday Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh Southeastly wind with rain squalls Steering by the wind heading E S E by Compass Employed at various jobs Tied a Ship to the Southward Steering by the wind on the Eastern tack

Lat by Obs 33.36 South  
Long by Obs 83.06 West  
Bar 30 to



Log Book of the Ship *Vincennes* of  
January 1853

Tuesday Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Strong South East wind and  
pleasant Weather Steering by the wind under  
double reefed top sail and courses heading E S E  
by Compass at 10 a m Spoke the Ship *Rousseau*  
Takes Master of *San Bedford* 44 The Cut 1000 lbs on board  
boarded to *Tellico* and home

Lat by Obs 32.51 South  
Long by Obs 80.50 West  
Bar 29.76

Wednesday Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Moderate Southerly wind  
with pleasant Weather Steering by the wind on  
Different tacks at 10 a m. *Chum* signals  
with an *Chillicuman* Bark Working to the *Eastward*  
Employed at various jobs Lat by Obs 32.52 South

Long by Obs 80.00 West  
Bar 29.76

Thursday Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Moderate breezes from S. S. E.  
fine and middle part Squally latter part  
pleasant Steering by the wind to the *Eastward*  
under all sail at 9 a m Made the Island  
of *San Vicente* bearing S. S. W by Compass

45 Miles distant Lat by Obs 33.00 South

Long by Obs 78.03 West  
Bar 29.76

Friday Jan 21<sup>st</sup> 1853

The fore and middle part of these 24 hours fresh  
breezes and squally latter part Moderate breezes  
and pleasant wind S. S. E. heading East by Compass  
at 8 a m Saw a school of Black fish and board  
all of the boats caught two at 11 a m took the  
fish to the ship and placed forward Said are  
English hark Steering without Lat by Obs 32.50 South

Long by Obs 75.00 West  
Bar 29.76



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Saturday Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh Southerly breezes and squally  
Middle part the same Steering East by South by Compass  
Latter part Moderate breezes and pleasant Weather  
at 5 A.M. Made the Land at 12 Noon the Land bearing  
East 50 Miles distant Lat by Obs 33.59 South then kept off  
to the North along shore. Saw several boats steering a course  
thence to the North quite numerous of Hump back Whales  
around all hands Employed at getting up the Churns  
Clearing away the Anchors

Sunday Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours light breezes from  
the Southward Steering Southward down the Coast  
Land about 50 Miles distant Middle part  
Latter part light breezes and variable  
at 12 Noon Spoke a Spanish Brig 4 days from  
Valparaiso bound to St Antonio at 1 P.M.  
Came to Anchor at the port of Valparaiso - so  
ends these 24 hours

Monday Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fine pleasant Weather  
Laying at Anchor at the port of Valparaiso  
All Hands Employed at breaking out and cooping  
oil

Tuesday Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fine pleasant Weather Laying at  
Anchor at the port of Valparaiso at 3 A.M. Called  
all Hands took the Anchor and Hauled up in Shore  
further and Moved Ship at 8 A.M. got breakfast  
after breakfast Called all Hands to turn too but found  
that 17 of our Number Refused to do duty with the plea  
that they wanted to see the American Consul at 2 P.M.  
the Consul came on board and advised them to go  
to duty which they refused the Consul left said  
that he would send for them at 4 P.M. the Capt of the port  
came after them and took them on shore in obedience  
this after Noon sent on shore and Employed Eight Men to  
come on board to be Employed at cooping oil and Discharging



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Wednesday Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours pleasant Weather Laying  
at the port of Valparaiso Employed at  
Coopering and Discharging Oil to go on board  
the Bangue Liberia Packet of Baltimore  
17 of the crew on shore in prison and 10 Men  
to work by the day from shore

Thursday Jan 27<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours pleasant Weather Laying  
at the port of Valparaiso Employed at  
Coopering and Discharging oil to go on  
board of the Bangue Liberia Packet 17 of  
the crew in prison and 10 Men Employed  
on board by the day from shore

Friday Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 1853

these 24 hours fine Weather Laying at Valparaiso  
Employed at Coopering and discharging oil to  
go on board of the Bangue Liberia Packet of  
Baltimore Seventeen Men in prison 10 Men  
Employed on board from shore

Saturday Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours pleasant Weather Employed  
at various jobs finished discharging oil and  
Cleaned ship discharge ballast four and five thousands  
Gallons of oil to go on shore 14 Men in prison  
10 Men Employed on board from shore

Sunday Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours pleasant Weather 17 Men  
in prison the rest on shore on liberty

Monday Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours pleasant Weather Employed  
at various jobs such as taking on board Water  
& 17 Men in prison



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## February 1853

Tuesday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 1853

fine pleasant Weather Laying at the post of Valparaiso  
Employed at taking on board Provisions such as  
Vegetables Coal &c Seventeen men in prison on  
shore

Wednesday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 1853

fine pleasant Weather Laying at the post of  
Valparaiso Employed at various jobs such  
as painting &c

Thursday Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fine Weather fore part Calm  
Latter part fresh Southerly wind at 2 p M  
took the men from prison all Except one Thomas  
Clark Deserted at 4 p M got under way having  
assistance from shore and from the American Frigate  
St Lawrence

Friday Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh Southerly breezes  
with Cloudy drizzling Weather Steering  
North west by west by Compass Sixteen men  
in irons Employed at Hoisting the Anchor  
and Chains and other various jobs  
No Observations these 24 hours

Saturday Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh Southerly breezes with  
Cloudy Weather Middle and Latter part  
Moderate breezes and pleasant Steering  
Northwest by Compass Employed at various jobs  
of Ships duty 14 men in irons William Tuckson  
Portugues returned to duty

Set by Obs 29 00 South  
True by Obs 7.523 West



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Sunday Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Light breeze and variable  
with pleasant Weather Eight Men in irons

Henry Nelson

Henry Thompson

Henry P Smith

John A

Returned to duty

Monday Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Light air and variable  
with pleasant Weather Employed at various  
jobs Course S. W. by Compass A Dillingham.  
Returned to duty

Lat by Obs 29.37 South

Long by Obs 75.50 West

Tuesday Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Light air and Calm with  
fine pleasant Weather Saw several Schools  
of porpoises Employed at various jobs of  
Ships duty five Men in irons

James Hunt

A B Gould Returned to duty

Lat by Obs 29 15 South

Long by Obs 76 20 West

Wednesday Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Moderate South East  
wind with pleasant Weather Steering  
Northwest by North by Compass Employed  
at various jobs of Ships duty four Men  
in irons

Lat by Obs 26.23 South

Long by Obs 76.46 West

Thursday Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh breeze from  
Southeast Steering Northwest by North  
by Compass Employed at various jobs  
of Ships duty four Men in irons

Lat by Obs 24 23 South

Long by Obs 77.20 West



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February 1853

Friday Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh Southeasterly breezes  
with pleasant Weather Steering North west  
by North by Compass Employed at Putting down  
and other various jobs four Men in Irons

Lat by Obs 22 23 South  
Long by Chron 1800 West

Saturday Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Moderate Southeasterly  
breezes with pleasant Weather Steering  
North west by North by Compass Employed at  
Putting down and other various jobs at 12 Noon  
Saw an English Buque Steering North

Lat by Obs 20 07 South  
Long by Chron 1835 West

Sunday Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Moderate Southerly breezes  
with pleasant Weather <sup>Calmy</sup> North west by west by  
Compass

Lat by Obs 17 37 South  
Long by Chron 1800 West

Monday Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Moderate breezes with pleasant  
Weather Steering N W by W by Compass  
All Hands Employed at making out provisions  
trimming ship and other various jobs two Men  
in Irons Saw a school of Black fish and towed  
all four boats but without success

Tuesday Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Moderate Southerly breezes with pleasant  
Weather Steering N W by W by Compass Employed at  
Putting down at 12 Noon Saw a school of Sperm  
Whales and towed all four boats the Starboard  
and Waist boats succeeded in striking a small  
cow and calf Lat by Obs 14 21 South

Long by Chron



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Wednesday Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Moderate breezes and Cloudy Weather Steering North west by west at 10 a. M. saw a school of Black fish the Turbot boat toward but with no success at 12 Noon saw a school of Sperm Whales and toward all four boats the Turbot boat struck 6 observations there 24 hours

Thursday Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 1853

This After Noon Comes in with Moderate breezes and Cloudy Weather all of the boats Employed at Chasing Whales at 6 p. M. took the Whale to the Ship and set the catch at 5 a. M. Caled all Hands and Commenced Cutting at 7 a. M. finished Cutting all Hands Employed at Clearing away the Heads and boiling No Observations there 24 hours

Friday Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes and Cloudy Weather Employed at boiling and other various jobs Middle part rainy Cloud down the works Latter part quite pleasant at 6 a. M. started the works again

Lat by Obs 12° 51' South  
Long by Chron 87° 04' West

Saturday Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh Southeast breezes with squally Weather Steering West by North by compass Employed at boiling and fitting up Shooks one man employed at 5 a. M. finished boiling and started North west by West at 12 Noon

Lat by Obs 12° 00' South  
Long by Chron 88° 00' West



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February 1853

Sunday Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Moderate breezes and variable  
with light rain Squalls Steering Northwest by Compass  
Saw a School of Black fish and all day hunting  
out without Success one Man in Boats

Lat by Obs 40.00 South  
Long by Obs 89.00 West

Monday Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Moderate breezes and variable  
with pleasant Weather Steering Northwest by  
Compass Saw a Number of Schools of porpoises  
Employed at putting down and other various  
jobs All hands on duty again

Lat by Obs 41.50 South  
Long by Obs 90.00 West

Tuesday Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Moderate variable breezes  
with pleasant Weather Steering Northwest by  
Compass Employed at putting down and  
towing &c Saw several fin back Whales

Lat by Obs 41.08 South  
Long by Obs 91.32 West

Wednesday Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Light air and calm and  
Clear pleasant Weather All Hands Employed  
at towing down and other various jobs

Lat by Obs 41.50 South  
Long by Obs 91.00 West



# Log Book of The Ship Augustus of February 1853

Thursday Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Moderate breezes and pleasant  
Weather Steering West South West by Compass  
Employed at tarring down and other various  
Jobs one Man Sick Lat by Obs 6 24 South  
Long by Chron 93 00 West

Friday Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Moderate breezes with pleasant  
Weather Steering W by N by Compass Saw  
several schools of Porpoises All Hands  
Employed at Coopersing and Steaming down  
Spinnin Oil Lat by Obs 5 34 South  
one Man Sick Long by Chron 94 00 West

Saturday Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Light breezes from Southeast  
with fine pleasant Weather Steering W by N  
by Compass All Hands Employed at Cleaning  
Ship for Painting one Man Sick  
Lat by Obs 4 45 South  
Long by Chron 95 00 West

Sunday Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Moderate breezes with pleasant  
Weather Steering W by N by Compass Saw  
several fin back Whales one Man Sick

Lat by Obs 4 01 South  
Long by Chron 97 00 West

Monday Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 1853

The part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes  
with pleasant Weather Steering West by N  
by Compass All Hands Employed at Painting  
Ship Latter part the same Steering W by N  
by Compass Saw a school of Porpoises  
one Man Sick Lat by Obs 3 24 South  
Long by Chron 98 00 West



Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master  
March 1853

Tuesday Mar 1<sup>st</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Moderate breezes from East with  
pleasant Weather Steering W by N by Compass  
Employed at various jobs of Ships duty  
One Man Sick Lat by Obs 2, 41 South  
Long by Chron 100, 00 West

Wednesday Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh breezes and Cloudy Weather  
with rain squalls Steering W by N by Compass  
Employed at various jobs One Man Sick  
Lat by Obs 2, 00 South  
Long by Chron 103, 00 West

Thursday Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> 1853

These 24 hours fresh breezes and Cloudy Weather  
Steering W by N by Compass Employed at various  
jobs One Man Sick  
Lat by Obs 1, 12 South  
Long by Chron 103, 00 West

Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Moderate breezes from East Southeast  
with fine pleasant Weather Steering W by N by  
Compass Employed at various jobs of Ships duty  
Saw several fin back Whales  
One Man Sick Lat by Obs 00, 28 South  
Long by Chron 108, 00 West

Saturday Mar 5<sup>th</sup> 1853

For part of these 24 hours Light airs and pleasant  
Steering W by N by Compass  
Middle and latter part fresh breezes and  
Cloudy Steering N W by Compass Employed  
at various jobs One Man Sick  
Lat by Obs 00, 36 North  
Long by Chron 109, 35 West



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March 1853

Sunday Mar 6<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Moderate breezes from ESE  
with pleasant Weather Steering N<sup>W</sup> by Compass  
one Man Sick

Lat by Obs 2<sup>19</sup> North  
Long by Obs 111<sup>00</sup> West

Monday Mar 7<sup>th</sup> 1853

First part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes  
from Southwest to East with pleasant Weather  
Steering N<sup>W</sup> by Compass Middle part fresh  
breezes from NE and Squally Latter part  
fresh breezes and pleasant Steering N<sup>W</sup> by  
one Man Sick Lat by Obs 4<sup>14</sup> North

Long by Obs 113<sup>00</sup> West

Tuesday Mar 8<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh breezes from NE  
with pleasant Weather Steering N<sup>W</sup> by  
by Compass at 8 AM took in the top Gallant  
Sails and jibs etc Employed at setting up shrouds  
and other various jobs one Man Sick

Lat by Obs 6<sup>41</sup> North  
Long by Obs 116<sup>48</sup> West

Wednesday Mar 9<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh Northeast trades and  
pleasant Weather Steering N<sup>W</sup> by  
Compass Employed in setting up shrouds  
and other various jobs one Man Sick

Lat by Obs 8<sup>34</sup> North  
Long by Obs 120<sup>00</sup> West

Thursday Mar 10<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh trades and pleasant  
Weather Steering West North West Employed  
at various jobs one Man Sick

Lat by Obs 10<sup>31</sup> North  
Long by Obs 123<sup>43</sup> West



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Friday Mar 11<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Strong trade winds and pleasant  
Weather Steering West by North half North by Compass  
at 6 a.m. split the fly jib Employed at Repairing  
the fly jib and other various jobs one Man Sick

Lat by Obs 12.27 North  
Long by Chro 127.23 West

Saturday Mar 12<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Strong trade and Cloudy Weather  
Steering W by N & N by Compass Employed at  
various jobs of ship's duty one Man Sick

Lat by Obs 14.55 North  
Long by Chro 131.30 West

Sunday Mar 13<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Strong trade winds and pleasant  
Weather Steering West by North by Compass  
one Man Sick

Lat by Obs 15.33 North  
Long by Chro 135.45 West

Monday Mar 14<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Strong trade winds and pleasant  
Weather Steering West by North by Compass  
Employed at Repairing the fore sail and other  
various jobs one Man Sick

Lat by Obs 16.56 North  
Long by Chro 139.00 West

Tuesday Mar 15<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Strong trade wind and  
pleasant Middle and latter part - Strong winds  
with rain Squalls Steering West by North by  
Compass Employed at various jobs,  
one Man Sick

Lat by Obs 18.14 North  
Long by Chro 144.00 West



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Wednesday, Mar 16<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours strong trade wind with  
rain squalls. Middle part pleasant Steering  
West by North. Latter part strong wind with  
rain squalls Steering West by Compass  
Employed at repairing the fore top Galluntnail  
one man sick Lat by Obs 19.29 North  
Long by Chron 145 or West

Thursday, Mar 17<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours strong trade wind  
with rain squalls Steering West by Compass  
at 8 p.m. Curved away the fore top Mast Studsailing  
sail boom Middle part strong wind and  
pleasant Steering West by South. Latter part  
strong wind and squally Steering West half  
South one man sick

Lat by Obs 19.36 North

Long by Chron 132.00 West

Friday, Mar 18<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh trades and pleasant  
Weather fore part Steering West half South  
Middle part West by South. Latter part  
West half South one man sick

Lat by Obs 19.36 North

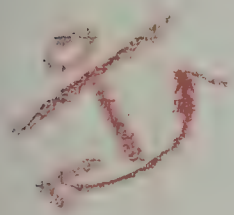


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1853

Saturday Mar 19<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes and pleasant  
Weather Steering off by 8 1/2 p m Sea Account made  
the Island of Hawaii or Owhyee at 7 p m of  
the port of Hilo Middle part Light and and  
variable with some squalls latter part pleasant  
at 8 a m the pilot came out and took the  
in too Anchor Employed at getting off Water  
two Men Sick



Sunday Mar 20<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh breeze and pleasant  
at Anchor at the port of Hilo Sandwich Islands  
two Men Sick

Monday Mar 21<sup>st</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours strong breeze at Anchor at the  
port of Hilo Sandwich Islands all Hands  
Employed at getting off Water and stowing it down  
two Men Sick

Tuesday Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours pleasant Steering at Anchor at  
the port of Hilo Sandwich Islands all Hands  
Employed at getting off Water and stowing it down  
two Men Sick

Wednesday Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours strong South East breeze and  
pleasant Weather Steering at Anchor at the  
port of Hilo Sandwich Islands one watch on  
duty other Employed at various jobs such  
as taking on board Shook &c one Man Sick

Thursday Mar 24<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours strong wind from East  
and a large swell rolling in the Harbour  
Steering at Hilo Sandwich Islands one watch  
on duty the other Employed at various jobs  
one Man Sick



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March 1853

Friday Mar 25<sup>th</sup> 1853

Cal. Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> Fair fine sunny Weather Laying  
at Anchor at the port of Hilo Sandwich Islands  
one Man Sick one Watch on duty  
No Ends these 24 hours

Saturday Mar 26<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Moderate Showers and rain  
Laying at Anchor at the port of Hilo Sandwich Islands  
one Watch on duty the other Employed at various  
jobs of Ships duty one Man Sick

Sunday Mar 27<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh breezes with heavy  
rain Laying at Hilo Sandwich Islands  
one Man Sick

Monday Mar 28<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Strong wind with rain  
Laying at Hilo Sandwich Islands  
all Hands Employed at getting off Wood  
and doing other various jobs one Man Sick

Tuesday Mar 29<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Strong wind with rain  
Laying at Hilo Sandwich Islands one Man Sick

Wednesday Mar 30<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Moderate breezes and  
pleasant Weather Laying at Hilo  
Sandwich Islands Employed at getting  
off potatoes and other various jobs  
one Man Sick



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April 1853

Thursday Mar 31<sup>st</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh breezes with rain showers  
Lying at Ancher at the port of Hilo Sandwich  
Islands Employed at getting off potatoes and  
Food and other various jobs two Men Sick

Friday April 1<sup>st</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh breezes with pleasant  
Weather Lying Hilo Sandwich Islands all  
ready for sea waiting for the pilot at 5 p M  
the Pilot Came off and got Under way for  
the Island of Maui two Men Sick  
at Hilo Shipped three Men two Natives and one  
American

Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh breezes with rain squalls  
Steering for the Island of Maui Employed  
at repairing Crotchetsail and other various jobs  
two Men Sick No Observations these

Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes with thick  
Weather Steering West by Compass at 5 p M luffed  
for the wind with the Main yard aback  
Middle and better part fresh breezes and  
pleasant at 5 a M we Ship and Steered in  
South west at 11 a M Made the land the  
Island of Molokai and kept away for Oahu  
two Men Sick Set by Obs 21, 31 South

Long by Obs 158 25 West  
by Observation, found the Ship 70 Miles East of the Obs

Monday April 4<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh breezes with pleasant  
Steering for the Island of Oahu at 7 p M luffed  
too off Diamond Head at 7 a M the Captain  
went on shore taking the two Sick Men with  
him Ship lying off and on all Hands  
Employed at repairing the Main top Gallant  
Sail and Steering away the Chuvins



# Log Book of The Ship Niagara of April

Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh trades and pleasant  
Weather Middle and latter part Moderate  
breezes and variable with rain Lying off ~~on~~ on  
the town of Honolulu Capt on shore

Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Light variable wind  
with rain Lying off on on the town of Honolulu  
Capt on shore at 3 p.m. sent a boat in for the  
Captain at 5 p.m. he came on board and kept  
today Steering W. S. W. by Compass

Middle part Moderate breezes and pleasant  
latter part Strong trades and Squally

Steering W by S Lat by Obs 21.09 North

Long by Chron 160.33 West

Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Strong trades with Squally  
Weather Steering West by South by Compass  
the watch Employed at various jobs

Lat by Obs 21.09 North

Long by Chron 160.06 West

Friday April 8<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Strong trades and Cloudy  
Weather Fore and Middle parts Steering  
West by South latter part Steering West by  
Compass the watch Employed at various jobs

Lat by Obs 21.10 North

Long by Chron 160.00 West

Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Strong trade Winds with  
pleasant Weather Steering West by Compass  
the Watch Employed at various jobs

Lat by Obs 22.05 North

Long by Chron 159.09 West



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Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master  
April 1853

Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh trade wind with pleasant  
Weather Steering West by Compass

Lat by Obs 22 55 North

Long by Chron 174 24 West

Monday April 11<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh trades with squally weather  
Steering West by North by Compass Employed at  
various jobs

Lat by Obs 24 01 North

Long by Chron 178 40 East

Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh trades with squally  
Weather Steering West North West by Compass  
Employed at various jobs such as repairing  
the Starboard boat unhooking the studding sails  
and sent the beams down from the yard.

Lat by Obs 26 14 North

Long by Chron 175 19 East

Wednesday April 13<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh trade wind with pleasant  
Middle and latter part Moderate breezes and Cloudy  
Steering West North West by Compass Employed at  
fitting and painting boats and other various jobs

Lat by Obs 28 29 North

Long by Chron 171 46 East

Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes Steering  
West North West by Compass Middle and latter part  
Light air with calm Steering Northwest  
fine Weather Employed at painting boats  
and other various jobs

Lat by Obs 30 06 North

Long by Chron 170 50 East



Log Book of The Ship Niagara of  
April 1853

Friday April 15<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Light air and Calm  
and pleasant Weather Middle part the same  
Latter part Moderate breezes from the Eastward  
and pleasant Steering North west by Compass  
Saw several fine black Whales and quite quantities  
of drift stuff at 12 Noon lowered and took a  
log along Side and took it on board  
Lat by Obs 30 42 North  
Long by Chro 116 00 East

Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Moderate breezes from East to S.W.  
With pleasant Weather Steering North west by Compass  
Employed at various jobs of Ships duty Sent down  
the Main signal yard and receive the rigging  
Lat by Obs 32 16 North  
Long by Chro 116 30 East

Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes with pleasant  
Weather from South west Steering North west by Compass  
Middle part Strong wind with rain & rain  
at 2 a.m. took in sail down to double reefed topsails  
the wind hauling suddenly to S. and gradually  
hauling round to E. Latter part Strong  
wind with thick Weather at 5 a.m. Hoisted Ship  
Steering North west half North by Compass  
Lat by Obs 34 10 North  
Long by Chro 117 30 East

Monday April 18<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Strong breeze from  
Southeast with thick Weather Steering North west  
half West by Compass under double reefed topsails  
Middle and Latter part More moderate fresh  
breezes and pleasant Weather at 9 a.m. Made all  
sail Steering S.N.W. by Compass  
Lat by Obs 36 40 North  
Long by Chro 118 45 East



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Swishaven Benjamin Clough Master  
April 1853

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes from South and South west with pleasant Weather Steering N N West Middle and latter part fresh breezes with rain the wind Heaving to the Northwest and North at 9 p. M took in Sail down to double reefed topsails and reefed Courses Steering by the wind on the Eastern tack  
No Observations these 24 hours

Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Moderate breezes from North east with Cloud pleasant Weather Steering by the wind to the Northward Saw a quite Number of fin back Whales

Lat by Obs 39 25 North

Long by Obs 164 40 East

Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes from Northeast to East with pleasant Weather Steering by the wind to the North Saw a quite Number of fin back Whales at 2 p. M Saw a right Whale Cooled all hands and lowered three boats but saw him no more

Middle and latter part blowing a fresh gale from Southeast with rain took in Sail down to a Close reefed Main topsail and reefed foresail Steering North by West at 8 a. M luffed to the wind at 12 Noon Moderate wind huddling around to the westward Set double reefed topsails and foresail

Lat by Obs 41 25 North Bar 29.80

Long by Obs 164 15 East

Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1853

this Afternoon Comes in with Moderate breezes and variable the Weather rainy at 3 p. M the wind Heaving to the Northwest and blowing on to a heavy Gale took in all Sail to a Close reefed Main topsail Lying on the Eastern tack

Middle part the same latter part Moderate at 5 a. M Set double reefed topsails and Courses at 10 a. M Set whole topsails wind Southeast Steering North by West Lat by Obs 41 36 North

Long by Obs 164 00 East



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April 1853

Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1853

Five part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes from  
Southwest Steering North by Compass Under  
top-sail and Courses Middle part the same  
Lighter part Light ~~and~~ variable from all points  
of the Compass Employed at various jobs

Set by Mr.  
Long by Chron

Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup> 1853

Five part of these 24 hours Light breezes from  
Southeast with pleasant Weather Steering North by West  
Middle part fresh increasing breezes with rain  
Lighter part Strong breezes with rain and snow  
Steering North by West Under double reefed top-sails  
1. No Observations these 24 hours Bar at 29.46

Monday April 25<sup>th</sup> 1853

Five part of these 24 hours Strong breezes from  
Southwest to South with rain and snow Steering  
North by West by Compass Under double reefed top-sails  
Middle part Moderate breezes with thick Snow Squalls  
at 10 AM the wind Hauled suddenly too  
the Northwest and blowing fresh took in sail to  
a close reefed Main Top-sail and fore top-mustelay  
at 12 Midnight Split the fore top-mustelay  
and it went to pieces. Lighter part blowing a heavy  
gale from Northwest Ship Sailing too on the  
Northern tack Sailing heavy Shipping and

quantities of Water nearly filling the decks full  
took the Starboard boat on top of the decks

Set by Chron 43 48 North Bar 29.11

Long by Chron 104.20 East



Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master  
April 1853

Tuesday April 26<sup>th</sup> 1853

This Afternoon Comes in blowing a heavy Gale from  
Northwest with snow Squalls Lying on the Northern track  
at 2 p.m. Split the Main topsail furlled it and  
set the Main spencers Middle and Lutter part  
More Moderate at 6 a.m. set the foresail reefed  
and the Mizzen topsail close reefed Employed at  
fitting new topsails for bending and bent an new  
fore top mast stay sail to Ende there 24 hours

Lat by Obs 45° 02 North  
Long by Obs 45° 00 East

Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Moderate breeze from West to  
Northwest with pleasant Weather Middle part the same  
Latter part Moderate breezes from South Steering  
N N W by Compass Employed at bending an new  
fore and Main topsails

Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from South with  
thick rainy Weather Steering N N W by Compass  
Middle and Lutter part Moderate breezes from West  
with pleasant Weather bent an new foresail

Lat by Obs 48° 16 North  
Long by Obs 45° 45 East

Friday April 29<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours light breezes from Southwest  
with pleasant Weather Steering N N West by Compass  
Middle part Calm Latter part fresh breezes from  
South West with pleasant Weather Steering by the  
wind on the Northern track

Lat by Obs 49° 30 North  
Long by Obs 46° 15 East



# Log Book of the Ship *Vingum*

Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fine part of these 24 hours. Strong wind from North West with Clear Weather at 3 p.m. double reefed the topsails at 4 p.m. Close reefed the topsails and reefed the courses. Steering by the wind on the Northern tack.

Middle and latter part the same.

Lat by Obs 50.18 North

Long by Chron 169 30 East

Bar 29.70

Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> 1853

Fine part of these 24 hours. Moderate breezes from North West with fine pleasant Weather. Steering by the wind on the Northern tack.

at 2 p.m. saw a ship steering to the North

at 3 p.m. wind light. Made all sail.

Middle part Calm and light air from Southeast

Latter part Strong wind from S.E. and a

thick snow storm. Steering N.W. by N by

Compass at 3 a.m. saw a ship steering N.W.

Lat by obs 52.40 North

Long by obs 169 40 East

Bar at four o'clock 29

Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1853

This after. soon commences with strong wind from S.E. with a thick snow storm. Steering Northwest by Compass under double reefed

fore and main topsails and foremast

at 4 p.m. Moderate and a thick fog

Middle part Calm. Latter part Moderate breezes from S.E. to N with snow squalls

heading on the Western tack. Under double reefed topsails and courses at 12 noon were ship heading to the Northeast and Eastward.

Lat by obs

Long by obs

Bar 29 to at noon



# Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master

May 1853

Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes from  
Northwest with Snow Squalls Steering by the wind  
on the Northern and Eastern tacks under Short Sail  
Middle part the same latter part fresh breezes  
and pleasant Steering by the wind heading North  
by Compass at 9 a. m. Made Rishings Island the East End  
bearing North by Compass 20 Miles distant one ship in sight  
Lat by Obs at Noon 54.19 North  
Long by Obs

Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup> 1853

This Afternoon Comes in with Moderate breezes from the  
Westward and pleasant Weather leaving off the  
East End of Rishings Island at 3 p. m. the Capt  
went in shore at 6 p. m. Came on board and  
kept away at 8 p. m. Spoke the Ship Isaac Hicks  
of New London bound North  
Middle and latter part light Westerly wind  
Steering North at 3 a. m. hauled up Northwest  
Lat by Obs at Noon 55.30 North

Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours light Easterly wind  
with pleasant Weather Steering N. W. by Compass  
Rishings Island in sight Saw one fair buck's Whale  
Middle part the same latter part fresh  
and variable from East to North Steering by  
the wind to the Westward at 12 Noon Made  
the land and Ice and wore Ship  
Lat by Obs 56.44 North



# Log Book of the Ship Niagara of May 1853

Friday May 6<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours strong Northerly wind with  
thick snow squalls steering by the wind on the  
Eastern tack at 2 p M took in the Main  
top Gallant sail and double reefed the topsails  
at 4 p M blowing fresh took in sail to  
a close reefed Main topsail heading up N E  
pulling off East. No Observations these 24 hours  
Bar 29 $\frac{1}{2}$

Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> 1853

This forenoon comes in more moderate wind N E  
and thick weather at 4 p M set the topsails  
double reefed yet under Courses and were ship  
to the Westward heading N W by N  
Middle and latter part strong wind from  
Northeast with thick weather at 7 p M were ship  
to the Eastward at 5 a M were ship again  
heading N N W one ship in sight  
No Observations these 24 hours  
Bar 29 $\frac{1}{2}$

Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> 1853

For part of these 24 hours strong wind from N E  
with thick weather steering by the wind heading  
N N W under double reefed topsails and reefed  
Courses at 3 p M were ship heading to the Eastward  
took in the Main sail Middle and latter  
part blowing a heavy Gale at 10 p M took  
in sail to a close reefed Main ~~top~~ sail and  
reefed fore sail saying too by the wind one ship in  
sight  
No Observations these 24 hours  
Bar 29 $\frac{1}{2}$



Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master

May 1853

Monday May 9th 1853

For part of these 24 hours blowing a heavy Gale from N.E. with thick snowy weather. Tacking too under close reefed Main topsail and reefed foresail hauling East by South. Middle and latter part More moderate wind hauling North with snow and frost  
 Set by 04 54.00 North  
 Long by 04 145.30 East

Tuesday May 10th 1853

For part of these 24 hours Comes in with fresh breezes from N.W. and Clear Weather. Steering by the wind too the Westward under double reefed topsails and courses at 8 p.m. were ship heading N.E. by N. Middle part moderate. Latter part fresh breezes at 8 a.m. were ship too the Westward Sea. Several fine back Whales to end these 24 hours  
 Set by 04  
 Long by 04

Wednesday May 11th 1853

For part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes from N.W. with Clear pleasant Weather. Steering by the wind under topsails and courses at 2 p.m. Made the Land a head at 4 p.m. took ship heading N.E. Saw several fine back Whales. Middle and latter part fresh breezes from N.W. with Weather Snow and fog. Steering by the wind at 4 a.m. Made ship and stood in for the Land at 11 a.m. Made the Ice land in sight three miles distant were ship came too with the main yard aback heading off shore



# Log Book of the Ship Niagara of May 1853

Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from N<sup>W</sup> with thick weather and fog sailing in by the ice with the main yard aback and in sight at 4 p. M. hauled forward and stood off shore under double reefed topsails

Middle and latter part Moderate breezes from N<sup>E</sup> Middle part thick latter part Clear at 5 a. M. Hoisted ship heading N<sup>W</sup> at 8 a. M. Set whole topsails and courses at 12 Noon made the land

Lat by Obs 57° 08' North  
Long by ds 114° 06' East

Friday May 13<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes from N<sup>E</sup> with thick weather steering by the wind heading N<sup>W</sup> under all sail at 4 p. M. Close in too the land and ice and took ship to the Eastward this afternoon saw a piece of blubber supposed to be a part of a blubber piece Middle and latter part light

pleasant wind and pleasant steering by the wind on the Eastern tack saw several fair back there

Lat by Obs 57° 41' North  
Long by ds 115° 00' East

Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours light breezes from N<sup>W</sup> with pleasant weather steering by the wind on the Eastern tack at 6 p. M. spoke the Bark Pioneer of New Bedford Billings Master Middle part Moderate breezes and variable latter part strong breezes from the Eastward steering by the wind to the Northward at 9 a. M. spoke the ship Magnolia of New Bedford Cox Master and larned with her

Lat by Obs 58° 42' North  
Long 115° 00' East



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Fletcher Benjamin Clough Master

May 1853

Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fine part of the 24 hours fresh Easterly breezes with pleasant weather. Steering to the Northward in Company with the Ship Magnolia at 4 p.m. saw three ships in company one a sailing and one a cutting at 4 p.m. spoke the ship Isaac Hicks of New London Skinner Master killing her first Whale Middle part Moderate breezes with snow squalls better part pleasant at 5 a.m. saw a bow head Whale and towed two boats but without success

Lat by Chr 38° 50' North

Long by Chr 116° 00' East

Monday May 16<sup>th</sup> 1853

This afternoon comes in with moderate breezes from N.W. with pleasant weather. Saw quite a number of bow head Whales. Toward all four boats and chased the whales were very wild the west boat went on and got stuck fast and the bow drew Middle part calm better part fresh breezes from N.W. and clear weather. Saw several Whales at 3 a.m. toward two boats at 4 a.m. caught the watch and toward the other two boats the Starboard boat struck the Starboard boat went on and struck second boat and got badly stove at 12 noon took the Whale to the ship 8 ships in sight four a cutting. Saw in sight Lat by Chr 39° 00' North

Long by Chr 116° 00' East



Non drew

Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup> 1853

This afternoon comes in with fresh breezes from N.W. and pleasant weather at 2 p.m. commenced cutting at 4 p.m. got through cutting and the clocks cleared up and set the watch at 9 p.m. started the work spoke the ship John of New Bedford Tilton Master nothing this season Middle part pleasant weather steering by the wind to the Northward under double reefed top sail. Better part stormy thunders wind and clear weather. Saw several whales but very wild toward several times without success. 10 ships in sight saw a sailing Lat by Chr 39° 40' North Long by Chr 117° 08' East



Log Book of the Ship Niagara of  
Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Strong Westerly wind  
with Clear Weather Employed at boiling and  
Churning Whales Saw a Number of Whales but  
never of the old kind several times without success  
Middle part Strong Westerly wind Steering  
by 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 p M. Tuffed to the wind with  
the Main yard aback Latter part fresh Westerly  
wind with Clear pleasant Weather Saw several  
fin back Whales Large bodies of Ice in sight Employed  
at boiling and tining up shacks at 10 A M  
Spoke the Ship Navigator of Fairhaven Fish Master  
Nothing this season Lat by obs 38 44 North  
Long by Chro 16 40 East

Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Light Westerly wind  
with pleasant Weather Working to the Eastward  
along by the Ice in company with the Ship Navigator  
Employed at boiling at 7 p M. Tuffed to  
the wind with the Main yard aback  
Middle part Saw the same at 12 Midnight  
finished boiling Latter part Light air and  
pleasant Saw several fin back and Hump back  
Whales So Ends these 24 hours  
Lat by obs 38 38 North  
Long by Chro 16 49 East

Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Light Westerly breeze with  
Clear pleasant Weather Ship Under all sail  
Steering different tacks Saw a Number of fin back  
and Hump back Whales Six Ships in sight  
one at boiling at 4 p M. Spoke the Ship Humaroc  
of Fairhaven Nial Master  
Lat by obs 39 16 North  
Long by Chro 16 20 East



Fairburen Benjamin Clough Master

May 1853

Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> 1853

Fore part light Westerly wind and pleasant Weather  
Middle part the same latter part fresh breezes  
from S E with thick Weather all Hands employed  
at Hauling down

Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1853

Fore part fresh breezes from S E and thick Weather  
with snow and fog steering W N W by compass  
Under double reefed topsails at 9 p m made the ice  
and luffed to the wind heading S S W  
Middle part light air and calm and a thick fog  
latter part fresh increasing breezes from West  
and clear Weather steering N E with main topgallant  
Sail out and several fin back Whales

Lost by Obs 59 00 North  
Long by Chron 167 44 East

Monday May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours stormy Westerly wind  
with pleasant Weather steering N E by compass  
Middle part the same latter part light  
air and calm at 4 a m made the same and  
ice saw 10 ships most of them a boiling at 9 a m  
saw two bow Head Whales and towed all four  
boats the Starboard boat struck and cut the line  
with the second Iron so ends these 24 hours



Lost by Obs 59 45 North  
Long by Chron 171 36 East

Line cut by the second Iron

Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours light air and variable  
with pleasant Weather working to the Eastward  
through the ice spoke the Park Venice of New London  
Nothing this season Middle part light wind with fog  
latter part pleasant at 10 a m saw five right Whales  
a cow and calf and towed three boats the Starboard  
boat struck the cow the Starboard boat landed and  
struck the calf at 12 Noon took them to the ship  
6 ships in sight one a boiling





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Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fine part of these 24 hours light westerly wind with pleasant weather two Whales along side all Hands Employed at Cutting and other various jobs at 8 p. M. finished Cutting the Cow Whale and set the Hatch Middle part thick say the Hatch Employed at Clearing away the Head Sutter part pleasant at 3 a. M. Hooked on to the calf and cut him in and made Sail Steering N by E by Compass

Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fine part of these 24 hours light southerly wind with clear pleasant weather Steering N by E by Compass at 2 p. M. spoke the Ship Tromp of New London Brunton Master two Whales this season.

Middle and Sutter part fresh breezes from Northwest Steering by the wind to the Northward at 2 a. M. made the Ice and tacked ship at 6 a. M. tacked again towards the Ice at 9 a. M. stood into the Ice and tacked the ship after coming in stays falling off from the wind thick a piece of Ice and split her Cutwater several ships in sight working to the Northward and Eastward through the Ice

Friday May 27<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fine part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from N. E. with thick weather Steering to the Eastward under all Sail six ships in sight Steering the same at 3 p. M. the Ship came too with the Head yards aback at 7 p. M. spoke the Ship Hannu & Bremen one Whale this season Middle and Sutter part stormy wind and thick weather took in sail and lay aback No Observations these 24 hours



Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master  
May 1853

Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Strong wind from North and thick  
Weather Steering by the wind to the Eastward under topsails  
and Courses at 3 p.m. double reefed the topsails and  
took in the Courses and Hauled the Main yard aback  
at 4 p.m. hauled forward Steering by the wind  
heading E N E Middle and Latter part the same

Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Strong wind from North  
and Clear Weather Steering by the wind under Short  
Sail heading E N E by Compass 6 Ships in sight  
Middle and Latter part Strong wind from  
North and Northeast with thick Weather Steering by the  
wind on different tacks

Monday May 30<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Strong wind from N E with  
thick Weather Steering by the wind under Short Sail  
on different tacks

Tuesday May 31<sup>st</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Strong wind from N E  
with thick Weather Steering by the wind on the  
Northern tack at 2 p.m. started the works at 6 p.m.  
Spoke the Ship Cumbaria Captl Master Nothing this season  
Middle and Latter part Strong wind with thick  
Weather Steering by the wind under Short Sail  
Employed at heeling and other various jobs



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June 1853.

Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup> 1853

For part of these 24 hours Strong wind from N E  
with thick Weather Steering by the wind on the  
Northern tack under Short Sail Middle part  
Moderate breezes and a thick fog Employed at  
boiling Latter part Calm and Clear Weather  
at 8 a M finished boiling Lard in sight

Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1853

For part of these 24 hours Light air and Calm  
and Clear pleasant Weather Lard in sight  
Middle part the same Latter part Moderate  
breezes from N W with pleasant Weather Ship  
lost in by the Ice Sail Sailed for Heart  
Whaler and found the boat struck and  
the Whale run in to the Ice and the line cut off  
the Starboard boat struck in the Ice and parted  
Line the Ice being very heavy and thick Six Ships  
in sight one at boiling So Ends these 24 hours

Lat by Obs 60° 57' North  
Long by Obs 172° 57' East

Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Calm pleasant Weather Ship  
lost in by the Ice plenty of Whales in the Ice  
all four boats in the Ice a Whaling at 6 p M  
~~the~~ Starboard and Waist boats struck one Whale  
at the same time the Captain was rocked out  
of his boat by the second men and taken under  
the Ice for several minutes but by good luck  
he succeeded in saving him although badly injured  
and took him to the Ship Lost two lines and  
got the boats stilly stove at 3 a M the Starboard  
boat found and struck the Whale run under  
the Ice and cut line in a few minutes the  
Whale came out of the Ice and went on and struck  
again he ran under the Ice and the Iron wire  
So Ended these 24 hours.



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Frisshurn Benjamin Clough Master  
June 1853.

All of these 24 hours Light air from N E and  
pleasant Weather Saw several Whales saw part  
Employed at Steaming down oil Latter part went  
into the Ice and landed several but never saw  
them afterwards Spoke the Barke Vespurne of  
New Bedford one Whale this season

Lat by Obs 61 62 North  
Long by Chron 173 06 East

Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Calm and a thick fog  
Saw with the Main wind aback heaving off shore  
Middle and Latter Light air and Calm and thick  
Weather Sailing aback lost in by the Ice Saw a  
Number of Whales in the Ice Spoke the Ship Splendid  
of Edgartown Fisher Master 2 Whales this season

Monday June 6<sup>th</sup> 1853.

Fore part of these 24 hours Light breezes from S W with  
thick Weather Middle and Latter part fresh  
breezes working to the Northeast along by the Ice  
Saw several Whales and very shy Saw one but  
without success Whales working to the Northeast  
quick

Tuesday June 7<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from Southwest  
with Clear Weather working to the Northeast along by  
the Ice Saw several Whales going quick to the Northeast  
Middle part fresh breezes and a thick fog  
Saw aback Latter part light breezes and variable  
with Clear Weather Saw a Number of Whales  
Saw one and chased without success Whales going  
quick to the Northeast

Lat by Obs 61 21 North  
Long by Chron 175 00 East



# Log Book of the Ship Niagara of June 1853

Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours light air and calm and thick weather saw a great many Whales going Northeast Spoke the Bark Ballie of New Bedford Brooks Master two Whales this season Middle part light southerly air and a thick fog steering East by Compass Latter part calm and a thick fog

Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours light air and calm and a thick fog working to the Eastward North and two or three Whales going quick towards the N.E.

Friday June 10<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part calm and a thick fog Middle and latter part light air from S.W. and W. with clear weather steering N.E. by Compass 10 ships in sight at 10 A.M. Spoke the Ship Isaac Hicks of New London three Whales this season.

Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours light air from S.W. with a thick fog steering N.E. by Compass Middle and latter part fresh breeze and thick weather steering N.E. at 5 A.M. Spoke the Ship James May of New Bedford nothing this season the Captain of New Bedford told Whales the Captain told Whales

Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part light breeze from West with thick weather fog about middle and latter part light air and calm and clear pleasant weather 20 ships in sight one a sailing Sloop and Ice in sight and no Whales. Lat by Obs 61 38 North Longitude 177 36 East



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Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master

June 1853

Monday June 13<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours. Light airs and calm fine Clear pleasant  
Weather 40 Ships in sight too a boiling Land and plenty  
of Ice in sight Lat by Obs 61 39 North  
Long by Obs 178 00 East

Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fine part. Light airs from S E with Clear Weather Steering  
too W Westward 40 Ships in sight three in view.  
Middle and latter part. Moderate breeze  
and pleasant Weather Cape Navarin in sight bearing  
North 30 Miles distant 30 Ships in sight too a boiling

Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh Westerly wind fine part  
Clear latter part foggy rainy Weather Steering  
by the wind too the Westward Westward some 18 or 20  
Ships in sight down the same Land in sight

Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fine part of these 24 hours. Light airs from S W with  
thick Weather Steering East. Middle part Calm  
and a thick fog latter part Light breezes from  
S E Steering by the wind on the Eastward took Land  
and Ice in sight at 12 noon Spoke the ship Liverpool of  
New Bedford Nothing this season

Friday June 17<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fine part of these 24 hours Light Southerly wind  
with Clear Weather Steering East under all sail  
Middle part the same 18 Ships in sight 14 of them  
Steering too the Eastward. Latter part Light breezes  
with Clear Weather Steering S E at 11 noon Spoke the  
ship Concord Gibbs of New Bedford Nothing  
this season Lat by obs 61.50 North  
Long by obs 179.20 East



Log Book of the Ship Niagara of  
June 1853

Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> 1853

This Morning Comes in with fresh Southerly wind and thick Weather. Steering too the Westward along by the ice at 4 p.m. being too the Westward passed the Ice Report under direction North by Compass 10 Ships in Sight. Steering North. Middle and Latter part fresh breezes and Clear Weather at 10 p.m. took in the top Gaff and hauled up the Courses and luffed to the wind at 11 p.m. saw the Land and stood in for it. Saw several small California Whales in Shore and saw several Vectors on the beach. 100 Ships in Sight.

Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup> 1853

All the 24 hours fresh Southerly wind with Clear Weather. Ice part Steered N.E. under all sail at 6 p.m. took the Ship Parachute of New Bedford. Nothing this season the New England of New London. Nothing the last Maine of Cuba the Whales Middle part Steered N.E. by Compass at 9 a.m. took the Ship Pope Delanoy of Fairhaven. Nothing this season at 10 a.m. made the Ice and luffed to the wind on the Eastern tack at 12 noon took the Back Annulling ice Whales this season.

Lat by Obs 64.38 North  
Long by Obs 177.30 West

Monday June 20<sup>th</sup> 1853

Ice part of the 24 hours strong Southerly wind and thick Weather. Steering by the wind on the Eastern tack. Middle and Latter part strong wind and Clear Weather at 11 p.m. took the Ship double reefed the topsails and took in the Mainsail. Heading West 1/2 N by Compass at 12 noon made the Ice and was then heading E.S.E. by Compass 18 Ships in Sight. Lat by Obs 64.23 North  
Long by Obs 178.00 West



Saunders Benjamin Cough Master

June 1853

Tuesday June 21<sup>st</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh Southerly wind with Clear Weather  
Steering by the wind on Different tacks under double reefed topsails  
and on sail Several Ships in Sight

Lost by the 64 of North  
Long to the 1000

Wednesday June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Moderate Southerly wind and Clear  
Weather at 2 pm we set whole topsails the 1000. Maintaining the  
position the main top gallant top while setting it.  
Middle and latter part fresh breezes with a thick fog  
Steering by the wind on Different tacks

Thursday June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh Southerly wind with thick  
foggy weather. Steering by the wind under whole  
topsails and courses on Different tacks  
to observations these 24 hours

Friday June 24<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from S S E with  
a thick fog Steering by the wind on the western tack  
Heading S W by Compass Middle part fresh breezes  
from S and S E with rain. Sea a break  
Latter part strong wind from E and thick Weather  
Steering by the wind on the Southern tack at 6 pm we  
double reefed the topsails

Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours strong Easterly wind with  
thick foggy rainy Weather Steering by the wind under  
double reefed topsails Heading S by E by Compass  
Middle part fresh breezes and Clear  
Latter part Moderate breezes with a thick fog



# Log Book of the Ship Niagara of

June 1853

Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Strong Southerly wind with thick weather. Middle part fresh breezes and clear land in sight saw several ships steering North latter part moderate breezes and visible with a thick fog.

Monday June 27<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Light Easterly wind with variable weather the same and six in sight six ships in sight saw two of them here three boats down but saw no Whaler. Middle and latter part moderate breezes from N. W. and clear weather. Close in by the land and six or so ships in sight saw several Whales and 24 in all. all the boats employed at chasing Whales.

Lat by Obs 63.62 North  
Long by Obs 179.37 East

Tuesday June 28<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours N. W. wind and pleasant weather. Close in by the land off Cape St. Thaddeus had a number of Whales going quick and cut all of the boats employed at chasing Whales. Eight ships in sight saw two take Whales.

Wednesday June 29<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Light variable air and calm. Close in by the land off Cape Mearns saw several Whales but very little going too the North quick all of the boats employed at chasing but without success 6 ships in sight.

Lat by Obs 62.20 North.



Fairhaven Benjamin Cough Master

June 1853

Thursday June 30<sup>th</sup> 1853

For part of these 24 hours Calm and Clear Weather  
Saw several Whales going North quick Laying West in  
by the Land off Cape Navarin. Middle and Latter  
part Light Southerly wind with fog Laying in by  
the Land and Ice off Cape Navarin.

Lat at Noon by Ch 62.42 North

July 1853

Friday July 1<sup>st</sup>

For part of these 24 hours Moderate Southerly wind with  
thick Weather Steering N. N. E. by Compass at 9 a. M.  
Steered N. Middle part the same Latter part Light  
Southerly wind and pleasant Steering North at 10 a. M.  
Saw the Ice and had one Whale going quick towards  
the Ice Landward but without success

Lat by Ch 63.39 North

Long by Ch 179.30 West

Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Light Southerly wind with Clear  
pleasant Weather Steering North by Compass  
at 3 a. M. Spoke the Ship Zone of Fairhaven one  
Whale this season at 4 a. M. Spoke the Ship Chandler  
Price & New Bedford 9 Whales this season

Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1853

For part of these 24 hours fresh Southerly wind with  
a thick fog Steering E. N. E. by Compass at 4 p. M.  
Tided too the wind heading East and E. S. E.  
Middle part the same Latter part Moderate  
Southerly wind with fog and rain Steering by the wind  
heading E. S. E. at 12 Noon got Soundings at 40 fathoms  
sandy bottom



Log Book of the Ship Navigator of  
July 1853

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Light Southerly wind  
with rain steering by the wind heading  
E S E by Compass at 4 p. m. took in the topmast  
sails and courses and hauled aboard  
Middle part. Say the same got soundings at  
15 fathoms South bottom. Latter part Light breezes  
from S E and variable Weather steering by the wind  
on the Eastern tack at 10 a. m. spoke the Ship  
L C Richmond of New Bedford three Whales this Season

Tuesday July 5<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Moderate S E wind  
with a thick fog say about in company with the  
Ship L C Richmond Middle part fresh breezes  
from South with thick fog and rain steering by the  
wind on the Western tack Latter part Calm and a  
thick fog

Wednesday July 6<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Light breezes from S E and  
E with variable Weather steering S W by Compass  
Middle and Latter part fresh breezes from East  
with rain and fog at 12 Noon spoke the Ship  
Navigator of Fairhaven four Whales this Season

Lat 63.24 North  
Long 66.174 West

Thursday July 7<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh Easterly wind with thick rain  
Weather steering S W by Compass under all Sails  
at 11 a. m. spoke the Ship Cooper of New Bedford  
one Whale this Season



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July 1853

Friday July 8<sup>th</sup> 1853

Few part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from East with thick weather. Steaming S W by compass under full sail.

Middle part fresh Southerly breezes with variable weather. Steaming to the wind heading N at 2 P M. Made the Second Cape St Thaddeus bearing West 4 miles distant and tacked. Ship better part calm and a thick fog.

Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Moderate breezes and variable with a thick fog and rain. Fog abated most of the time.

Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup> 1853

Few part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from N W with a thick fog. Middle part variable weather. Latter part Moderate breezes and Clear weather. Ice seen in sight. Second and Ice saw our fire boat. Whale

Lat by Obs 63 40 North

Long by Obs 179 40 East

Monday July 11<sup>th</sup> 1853

Few part of these 24 hours Light variable air and calm. Second in sight 20 miles distant. Saw the Hunter and found for them but without success. 42 ships in sight. Middle part calm. Latter part fresh breezes from S E with pleasant weather. Saw several Whales going quick along the land ice to the Northward.

Lat by Obs 63 21 North

Long by Obs 179 00 East

Tuesday July 12<sup>th</sup> 1853

Few part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from S E and pleasant. Second in sight. Saw one Whale going quick North. Middle part fresh breezes and a thick fog. Fog abated. Latter part light Easterly breezes and Clear weather. Saw a large number of Whales in the ice. Second all four boats and went into the ice. The Starboard and bow boats struck the Starboard boat down the bow boat lost her tone but succeeded in getting it up again at 12 Noon. Commenced towing the Whale out of the ice.



Log Book of the Ship Niagara of  
July 1853.

Wednesday July 13<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Light air and pleasant  
Sea, a great many Whales in and a boat the Sea  
all four boats Employed at towing a Whale to  
the Ship at 4 p. M. got him to the Ship at 5 p. M.  
Commenced Cutting and finished at 42 Midnight  
and set the Watch. The Watch Employed at Clearing  
away the Head &c. Latter part fresh Southerly breezes  
and clear Weather Sea plenty of Whales in the Sea  
all four boats Employed at Chasing at 9 a. M.  
the fore boat struck at 11 A.M. took the Whale to the  
Ship and two other ships took Whales the Ship Indica took  
and James Taper one Lat by the 63 28 North  
Land in Sight

Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from S E with  
pleasant Weather Laying with a Whale along side  
all hands Employed at Cutting at 5 p. M. finished  
Cutting and set the Watch at 3 a. M. Started the works  
Latter part strong breezes with thick rainy Weather  
Employed at boiling and scraping bone

Friday July 15<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours strong Easterly wind with  
rain steering by the wind on the Northern tack  
Employed at boiling and scraping bone

Middle part the same Latter part moderate  
breezes and foggy Employed at boiling and  
other various jobs



# Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master

July 1853

Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours moderate southerly wind with clear weather. Land and sea in sight. Employed at boiling three boats went into the sea to look for Whales and returned without seeing any. Spoke the Ship Ching's Whaler this season the Ship Splendid of Edgartown 4 Whales this season. Middle part fresh breezes from N.W. Steered W.S.W. Latter part moderate breezes and variable. Employed at boiling. Left by 6.35 A.M. North Land in sight.

Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from N.W. with pleasant weather. Steering by the wind. Employed at boiling. Middle part moderate breezes from N.W. and pleasant. Steering N.E. by compass. Latter part fresh breezes with thick rainy weather. Wind variable at 4 P.M. finished boiling.

Monday July 18<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh variable wind with rain. Steering by the wind on different points at 7 P.M. Spoke the Bark Black Eagle 3 Whales this season. Middle and latter part calm and a thick fog. All hands employed at Steaming down.

Tuesday July 19<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours calm and thick weather. Middle part the same. Latter part light air and clear. 14 Ships in sight & a boiling too at Anchor. All hands employed at Steaming down and other various jobs.

Wednesday July 20<sup>th</sup> 1853

This Afternoon comes in with calm pleasant weather. All hands employed at Steaming down. 14 Ships in sight & a boiling too. 5 of them at Anchor. Sea in sight at 7 P.M. finished. Steaming down too. Boats went into the sea but saw no Whales. Latter part calm and foggy with four boats in the sea. Heard and saw several Whales.



# Log Book of the Ship Niagara of July 1853

Thursday July 24<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of day 24 hours Calm and pleasant Weather  
Saw only a number of Whales and were not able to  
find back Employed at Chasing but without success  
Middle part Light air and variable with fog  
 Latter part Clear at 8 AM all four boats went  
into the Ice and found a dead Whale and took him  
in tow at 10 AM got the Whale to the ship and  
Commenced Cutting Capt. Swift came on board from  
Amelia and Capt. Fisher from Ship Omega



Friday July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1853

this afternoon Calm with fresh breezes and thick  
rainy Weather Employed at Cutting at 3 PM  
finished Cutting and started the whaler Middle  
part fresh breezes with rain Employed at boiling  
 Latter part pleasant three boats went into the Ice  
to look for Whales but saw none at 12 Noon came in a  
thick fog the boats came on board

Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1853

Fore part of day 24 hours Calm and a thick fog Employed  
at boiling Middle part light breezes from East  
with Clear Weather at 12 Midnight finished boiling  
 Latter part fresh breezes at 4 AM the wind shifted  
 suddenly to the North West with rain squalls at 9 AM  
pleasant two boats went into the Ice Saw two Whales  
at 12 Noon came on board Set by the 6th Lt. North  
land in sight bearing North west 30 Miles distant



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Benjamin Clough Master

July 1853

Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup> 1853

This afternoon Came in with strong wind from Northwest and Clear Weather took in Sail down to double reefed topsails Middle part More Moderate Sutter part fresh breezes with pleasant Weather all Hands Employed at Stowing down.

Monday July 25<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fine part of these 24 hours Came in with fresh breezes from North and Clear Weather all Hands Employed at Stowing down Steering by the wind under all Sail Heading E. N. E. Middle part Strong wind took in the top Gallant sails and double reefed the topsails at 3 o'clock Made Cape Behring bearing N. E. 30 Miles distant Sutter part Moderate breezes and fine Weather at 12 Noon Closed in by the Land several Native Canoes came along side Seven Ships in Sight

Tuesday July 26<sup>th</sup> 1853

This Afternoon Came in with Light air and Calm Clear in the Land off Cape Behring at 7 p.m. Spoke the Ship Excelsior of New Bedford three Whales this Season Middle and Sutter part Light increasing breezes from S. E. and E Steering S. W. by Compass

Wednesday July 27<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fine part of these 24 hours Strong Easterly wind with variable Weather Steering S. W. by Compass at 4 p.m. Saw a dead Whale Laid out and took him to the ship at 5 p.m. Commenced Cutting and finished at 12 Midnight and set the Miter Sutter part fresh breezes and thick Weather at 5 o'clock Made Sail Steering S. W. Employed at killing at 12 Noon Made the Land off the River Amies and stood Close in Shore



# Log Book of the Ship Niagara of July 1853

Thursday July 28<sup>th</sup> 1853

Five part of these 24 hours strong breezes with Changeable Weather. Close in by the Land. Employed at boiling and three Whales going quick South. Sailed but without Success.

Middle part fresh breezes and thick rain. Latter part pleasant. Saw several Whales and very shy. Employed at boiling and chasing Whales. Land in sight.

Friday July 29<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh breezes from South and Southwest with Changeable Weather. Employed at boiling and chasing Whales. Saw a quite number of Whales and shy at 5 AM finished boiling. Land in sight. Soundings at 8 too so farther off the Mouth of the River Anadix.

Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours moderate breezes and variable with Changeable Weather. Land in sight. Saw a quite number of Whales and very wild. All of the boats employed at chasing but without Success.

Sunday July 31<sup>st</sup> 1853

this afternoon Comes in with fresh westerly wind with Changeable Weather. Had a heavy shower. Saw a quite number of Whales and shy. All of the boats employed at chasing. Latter part fresh breezes and pleasant at 4 AM saw several Whales begin still and toward the West boat went on and mist all the boats employed at chasing but without Success. Land in sight. Set by 6 AM North.



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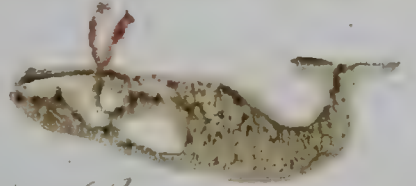
August 1853

Monday Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 1853

Five part of these 24 hours fresh Westerly wind with pleasant weather off the mouth of the River. Another land in sight. Saw large numbers of Whales but none of the boats employed at Chasing but without success. Latter part light air and calm. Saw no Whales the Watch employed at Coopers oil

Tuesday Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> 1853

This Afternoon comes in with light Easterly wind and rain. Employed at Coopers oil at 4 p.m. Saw Whales and several. The Fairhaven boat back at 9 p.m. got the Whale to the Ship got supper and commenced cutting at 24 a.m. finished cutting and set the Watch. Latter part fresh breezes. Employed at clearing away the Head at 7 a.m. started the boats.



Wednesday Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours strong Easterly wind and cloudy. Employed at boiling curing double reefed topsails working off shore. Land in sight. Two men took

Thursday Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours blowing a fresh Easterly Gale. Employed at boiling curing double reefed topsails working off shore at 7 a.m. finished boiling. Employed at Lashere up at 8 a.m. took in the fore topsail. Two men took

Friday Aug 5<sup>th</sup> 1853

This Afternoon comes in with a fresh Easterly Gale and cloudy weather off the River. Another curing double reefed Main and Mizzen topsails and fore sail working off shore one Ship in sight. Middle and Latter part the same.



# Log Book of the Ship Niagara of August 1853

Saturday Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Strong Easterly wind with  
thick rain all Hands Employed at Steaming down  
Middle and latter part Moderate breezes from  
South and Southwest and pleasant Employed at  
Steaming down two men sick

Sunday Aug 7<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes and variable  
with Cloudy Weather Middle and latter part  
fresh Southerly breezes with Clear pleasant Weather  
at 5 a M. Made the Land and stood by the shore  
and then kept away to the North along shore  
at 10 a M. Saw several Boats on Shore several on  
boat and went on shore and shot one antelope and  
two men sick Set back 64 54 North

Monday Aug 8<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh Southerly breezes  
with pleasant Weather Middle part the same.  
Latter part Strong Northeast wind with thick rain  
Weather two men sick

Tuesday Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Strong Easterly wind with  
rain Steering by the wind under short sail  
Middle part the same Latter part Moderate breezes  
and a thick fog two men sick

Wednesday Aug 10<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes and  
variable with thick rain Weather hudding North  
under short sail Middle part the same  
Latter part Light breezes from S E with Clear  
Weather Steering by the wind on the Eastern tack under  
all sail two men sick Set back 64 54 North  
Land in sight



# Laird's Benjamin Clough Master

August 1853

Thursday Aug 11<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Light wind and variable with pleasant weather Middle and latter part fresh breezes from North Steering E by N. Sun. Late Numbers of fine back Whales. Set by 64 3.5 North. three men sick

Friday Aug 12<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes and variable from North do. Steering by the wind on the Eastern tack under all sail Middle part fresh breezes from North with rain Latter part Strong wind in Squalls off the land Steering E by N by Compass three men sick

Saturday Aug 13<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Light wind and variable with pleasant weather Steering E by N along the land Middle and latter part Light air and rain and a thick fog Steering N E by Compass three men sick

Sunday Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Light air from S E and E and a thick fog Steering N by E by Compass at 10 a.m. spoke the Ship Columbus of New London a right Whale this season at 12 noon the fog let up and 30 ships took a boiling several at anchor off St. Lawrence Bay three men sick

Monday Aug 15<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes and variable with Clear weather all St. Lawrence Bay 48 ships in sight three a boiling saw three Whales and a Late Number of Late a Chasing Middle and latter part Strong Northerly wind with thick weather Laying too much Short Sail 3<sup>rd</sup> ship in sight. three men sick Set by 64 at Noon 65 2.5 North



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August 1853

Tuesday Aug 16<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours blowing a strong Northwesterly Gale  
with thick rain. Weather Surging too off the Michipicou Bay  
under short sail 20 Ships in Sight

Wednesday Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours blowing a strong Northwesterly Gale  
with fog and rain Surging too off the Michipicou Bay  
under short sail too poor look

Thursday Aug 18<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours blowing a strong Northwesterly Gale  
with rain. Surging too under short sail  
Middle part the same Sautter part Moderate  
Made all sail wind light and variable, bore  
North to Northwest 20 Ships in Sight

Friday Aug 19<sup>th</sup> 1853

This Afternoon comes in with light Northwesterly wind  
with clear pleasant weather Steering by the wind  
under all sail Middle part the same  
Sautter part Strong Northerly wind with thick weather  
Steering by the wind at 3 A. M. took in the m. and  
Sails ... ... ... ... ... at 4 A. M.  
Come in contact with the Ship Mile or two below  
and bat Mitche Damaging Either Ship Corroding  
away her ... ... and Mitche Damaging  
our bow Part

Saturday Aug 20<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours strong Northwesterly  
wind Surging off our on St. Lawrence Bay  
Middle part the same Sautter part Moderate  
Northerly wind with variable weather Steering  
by the wind under all sail working up to  
East Cape 20 Ships in Sight



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Sunday Aug 21<sup>st</sup> 1853

Fair part of these 24 hours. Moderate Northerly wind  
and foggy. Steering by the wind working to the North  
Middle part light air and calm. Latter part  
light Easterly breeze with clear weather. Steering  
N<sup>W</sup> 20 Ships in sight

Monday Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> 1853

Fair part of these 24 hours light Easterly wind and  
clear weather. Steering into the North and Westward  
at 4 p<sup>m</sup> saw one bow head Whale going south  
to the Eastward. Saw one ship a Cutter  
at 9 p<sup>m</sup> spoke the Bark Alice Sizer of New  
Bedford a sailing. Middle part clear weather.  
Lay with the main wind which latter part light  
Easterly wind with a thick fog. Lay aback at 8 a<sup>m</sup>  
spoke the ship Ching of New Bedford & Whales this season.

Tuesday Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours light Easterly wind with thick  
weather. Lay aback most of the time at 10 a<sup>m</sup> spoke  
the ship James Schoer of Nantucket & Whales  
this season.

Wednesday Aug 24<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fair part of these 24 hours fresh increasing Northerly wind  
a thick fog and rainy. Steering by the wind heading  
N<sup>E</sup> by E. by compass at 3 p<sup>m</sup> took in the  
top. Gull trails at 4 p<sup>m</sup> double reefed the topsails  
and took in the courses.  
Middle part strong Northerly wind and thick  
weather. Heading N<sup>E</sup> by E under short sail.  
Latter part fresh Northerly wind with variable weather  
with some squalls and rain on the western side  
under short sail.



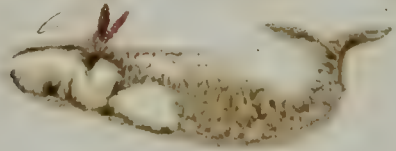
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Thursday Aug 25<sup>th</sup> 1853  
Fore part of these 24 hours fresh Northerly breezes with  
variable weather Steaming on the westward track  
at 2 p m made the Land and stood on in  
at 4 p m tacked Ship and made all sail  
steering N N E by Compass Middle and latter part  
the same day several ships a number a-boiling

Friday Aug 26<sup>th</sup> 1853  
All of these 24 hours fresh Northerly wind with variable  
Weather Saw a Grate many Whales some 30 ships  
in sight Saw several take Whales all of the  
boats Employed at Chasing but without success  
the whist boat went on and first

Lat by Obs 67° 58' North

Saturday Aug 27<sup>th</sup> 1853  
All of these 24 hours strong Northerly wind with variable  
Weather with snow wind in evening Saw plenty  
of Whales and very wild a Grate many ships  
in sight a Chasing and several a Cutting  
at 4 a m the Starboard boat struck and got  
stuck at 9 a m got the Whale to the Ship



Sunday Aug 28<sup>th</sup> 1853  
Fore part of these 24 hours fresh Easterly wind and  
pleasant Employed at Cutting  
Latter part fresh breezes from S E and Squally  
Saw a good many Whales but gave quick to  
westward Saw a Grate many ships a Whaling  
and Cutting two Men Sick



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Monday Aug 29<sup>th</sup> 1853

For part of these 24 hours fresh Easterly wind and  
Cloudy Weather Saw several Whales and sold  
all hands employed at scining and Churning  
Middle part Moderate breezes with heavy rain  
 Latter part Light wind and pleasant at 11 A.M.  
Spoke the Bark Russell of San Francisco & returned  
and let her have 10 bbls of provisions at 12 Noon Spoke  
the Ship Eliza Adams of San Rafael 9 Whales this season  
Set by 64 68 25 North

Tuesday Aug 30<sup>th</sup> 1853

For part of these 24 hours Light air and Calm  
Employed at boiling Eighty Ships in sight and  
a good many of them a boiling at 4 P.M. Spoke  
the Ship Constitution of New Bedford 3 Whales  
Middle part fresh South East wind Employed at  
boiling at 7 A.M. finished boiling. Latter part  
Strong wind with rain and thick Weather

Wednesday Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Strong S.E. wind and thick  
foggy Weather Steady for the wind under short sail  
Set 68 00 North Long 169 00 West



Log Book of the Ship Naugum of  
September 1853

Thursday Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1853  
All of these 24 hours Moderate breezes and variable  
with variable Weather. All Hands Employed  
at Standing down

Friday Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 1853  
All of these 24 hours Moderate breezes and variable  
with Changeable Weather. Fire put of these 24 hours  
Employed at Standing down at 4 p. M. Saw Whales  
and toward the Harbor boat struck and  
got stove at 6 p. M. got the Whales too the ship  
and let the Water at 10 a. M. called all Hands  
and commenced cutting finished at 12 noon



Saturday Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 1853  
For part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes and  
variable and foggy Weather Employed at Stowing  
down and other various jobs Spike the ship Spike  
the masts of the Redford a Whales this season  
Middle and Latter part Light western wind  
and Clear Weather at 7 a. M. Started the work

Sunday Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1853  
All of these 24 hours Fresh Southerly wind  
with Clear Weather Employed at Baiting  
and other various jobs Spike the ship  
Close Auluns 10 Whales

Lat by Obs 67.36 North  
Long by Chron 70.00 West

Monday Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 1853  
All of these 24 hours Strong Southerly wind with  
thick Weather Employed at baiting and other  
various jobs at 7 a. M. finished baiting  
No Observations these 24 hours 6 Men Sick



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Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master  
September 1853

Tuesday Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh Southerly wind  
with thick Weather. Middle part Moderate  
Suttler part Calm and a thick fog all Hands  
Employed at Steering down 6 Men Sick

Wednesday Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Calm and a thick fog  
Middle and Suttler part fresh Northerly wind  
a thick fog and rain 6 Men Sick with Colds

Thursday Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh Northerly wind  
with thick fog and rain. Day with the Main Mast  
aback Steaming East by Compass

Middle and Suttler part Strong Northerly wind  
and thick Weather at 7 a M we Ship and day  
aback on the Western tack 6 Men Sick

Friday Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Strong Northerly wind with  
thin rainy Weather Daying aback on the western tack  
at 7 p M Spike the Ships Chandelers Price and  
Members both of San Bedford

Middle and Suttler part fresh Northerly wind with  
a thick fog Daying aback Daying with the  
Chandelers Price Members and Cals Weather

Saturday Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh Northerly wind with thick  
Weather at 3 p M kept away Steering S E by S  
in Company with the Ships Chandelers Price Members  
and Cals Weather at 4 p M. Come too aback  
Middle and Suttler part Strong Northerly wind  
with thick rainy Weather at 4 a M kept away  
Steering S E the other Ships in Company  
at 11 Noon made the Land 30 Miles to the West of  
East Cape and were then Steering along by the Land



# Log Book of the Ship Niagara of September 1853

Sunday Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 1853

For part of the 24 hours strong Northerly wind with  
thick dense weather steering in for East Cape in  
company with the ships Challenger, Prince, Muskrat  
and Louis Menard at 4 p.m. shifted to the wind  
East Cape bearing South 3 miles distant

Middle part a thick fog day which clearing  
at three latter part light Northerly wind with  
"fair" weather at 6 a.m. the sun the the land and  
kept away to the Southward through the Straits  
Seven - Ships in sight steering to the Southward  
this forenoon took several observations and found  
the Chie to be one degree and thirty five miles to  
the West of the ship Lat at Noon 63° 49' North

Long by Chie 169° 25' West

Bar 29.76

Monday Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 1853.

All of these 24 hours fresh Northerly wind and  
clear weather steering South by compass wind  
all - tail at 12 noon of the "West End"

St. Lawrence Island in Lat by Ch 63° 45' North

Long by Chie 172° 13' West

Bar 29.76

Tuesday Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh breeze from North and  
Northwest steering S. by E by compass wind  
all - tail at 10 a.m. made St. Matthews

Island at 12 noon the Northernmost Land

Bearing West 20 miles distant

Lat by Ch 60° 41' North

Long by Chie 172° 14' West

Bar 29.76



Fairhaven Benjamin Cough Master

September 1853

Wednesday Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1853.

Fore part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes and variable with pleasant weather off the South-East End of St. Matthew's Island at 4 p.m. three boats west in shore for Wood at 7 p.m. returned on board without success and kept under way steering S. S. E. by Compass Middle part Moderate breezes from S. W. and rising latter part light air and variable with clear weather Employed at squaring and bending Sails - Sent up in Moon Royal Yacht Four Men Sick Lat by Obs 58.50 North Long by Obs 172.08 West Bar 29.40

Thursday Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes from South Course S. S. E. by Compass Middle part Calm latter part fresh breezes from S. S. E. with thick squally weather Steering by the wind on the Eastern tack under all Sails at 8 a.m. started Ship heaving S. W. by Compass took in the top Gallant sails Employed at various jobs four Men Sick Lat. at Noon 58.50 North Long by Obs 172.50 West

Friday Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from S. S. E. with thick squally weather Steering by the wind heaving S. W. by Compass at 3 p.m. double reefed the top sails at 9 p.m. the wind shifted suddenly to the North-West and blowing a strong breeze Middle and latter part strong North-West wind with clear weather Steering S. S. E. by Compass five Men Sick Lat by Obs 56.02 North Long by Obs 172.12 West



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September 1853

Saturday Sep 17<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh N W wind with clear  
weather Course S E by E by compass at 4 a m  
Made the Land the Fox Islands the Island of  
Nequam bearing S W distant 30 Miles

Employed at various jobs of ships duty five Men Sick  
Lat by Chron 52.19 North  
Long by Chron 171.05 West  
Bar 30.7

Sunday Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours light breezes from S W  
with clear weather Course S E by E by compass

Middle part light breezes from S W

latter part fresh breezes with thick rainy weather  
Steering S E by E by compass five Men Sick.

Lat by Chron 50.20 North No Observations these 24 hours  
Long by Chron 169.36 West

Monday Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours, var. breezes from S W with  
rainy weather Steering S E by E by compass  
five Men Sick No Observations these 24 hours

Lat by Chron 48.20 North

Long by Chron 166.52 West

Bar 30

Tuesday Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes from  
S W to N W with thick weather Steering  
S E by E by compass under all sail

Middle and latter part light breezes from  
N W and foggy steering S E

five Men Sick Lat by Chron 48.30 North

Long by Chron 165.36 West

Bar 30.7



## Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master

September 1853

Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 1853

Fore part of the 24 hours. Light air and calm and  
 Clear Weather Employed at scrubbing up the rigging  
 yards and other various jobs. Middle part light  
 increasing breeze from S.E. heading on the Eastern track  
 at 7 p.m. thick ship heading S by W on the Western  
 track latter part fresh breeze at 10 a.m. thick ship  
 heading E by S by compass the weather thick and  
 rainy five Men Sick Lat by dr 48 or North  
 Long by dr 115 or West  
 Bar 30  $\frac{4}{10}$

Thursday Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> 1853

Fore part of the 24 hours fresh westerly wind with  
 thick weather steering on the Eastern track under  
 all sail heading East by South by compass  
 Middle and latter part moderate breeze  
 from S.W. to West and foggy course S.E. by compass  
 Employed at various jobs five Men Sick  
 Lat by dr 42.30 North  
 Long by dr 162.30 West  
 Bar 29  $\frac{4}{10}$

Friday Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> 1853

All of the 24 hours Light Westerly wind with  
 pleasant weather course S.E. by compass  
 Employed at cleaning ship and other various jobs  
 five Men Sick Lat by dr 40.24 North  
 Long by dr 161.00 West  
 Bar 30



Log Book of the Ship Niagara of  
September 1853

Saturday Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours light variable wind  
and Cloudy Weather

Middle and latter part fresh breezes from N<sup>o</sup> E  
and South squally Weather Course S. E by Compass  
all Hands Employed at Cleaning Ship

Lat by obs 38.00 North

Long by obs 159 30 West

Bar 29  $\frac{9}{16}$

Sunday Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh Northwesterly breezes with  
pleasant Weather Course S E by Compass  
five Men Sick

Lat by obs 38.05 North

Long by obs 158 42 West

Bar 30

Monday Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours light breezes and variable  
with pleasant Weather Employed at Cleaning  
Ship and other various jobs five Men Sick

Lat by obs 34.21 North

Long by obs 157.14 West

Bar 30

Tuesday Sept 27<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours light with some rain  
Middle and latter part Moderate breezes from

South and Northwesterly Steering by the wind on the

Eastern tack under all sail Employed at

Cleaning and various work and other various jobs  
five Men Sick

Lat by obs 32.58 North

Long by obs 156.43 West

Bar 30



Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master  
September 1853

Wednesday Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Fresh Southerly breeze with  
pleasant Weather Steady to the wind on the Eastern tack  
Middle and Latter part Strong Southerly wind Currying  
whole topsails and Courses fair Men Sick

Lat by Obs 30.45 North

Long by Obs 154.53 West

Bar 29.8

Thursday Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Strong Southerly wind Currying  
whole topsails and Courses Middle and Latter part  
Moderate breezes with Clear pleasant Weather Employed  
Drying and bundling bone for Men Sick

Lat by Obs 38.75 North

Long by Obs 153.33 West

Bar 29.7

Friday Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 1853.

All of these 24 hours Light Southerly wind and Calms  
Employed at Drying and bundling bone and other  
various jobs at 6 p.m. Bored a Man a Victim of  
the Fever of Boatswain Lat by Obs 37.50 North

Long by Obs 153.26 West

Saturday Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1853.

All of these 24 hours Calm and Clear Weather  
Employed at various jobs of Ship's duties

Sunday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Light breeze from NNE with pleasant  
weather Course W by N by Compass Employed at various  
jobs till Men Sick Lat by Obs 25.33 North

Long by Obs 154.05 West

Bar 29.9



# Log Book of the Ship Kingarn of October

Monday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 1853

Rem part of these 24 hours light breeze from N. N. E.  
with clear pleasant weather Middle part the same  
lighter part fresh breezes Course S by W by compass  
Employed at various jobs Sailed by clock 24.17 North  
Sailed by clock 15.30 West  
Run 36.

Tuesday Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 1853

Rem part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from N. E.  
with pleasant weather Course S by W by compass  
at 4 p. M. saw a large ship steering Westward  
all sail Middle and latter part moderate  
breezes and hazy Course S by E.

Wednesday Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 1853

Rem part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from N. E.  
and pleasant weather Course S by W by compass  
at 2 p. M. made the Island of Maui at 7 p. M.  
sailed to off shore Middle and latter part  
fresh breezes at 6 a. M. kept under way  
at 12 noon came to anchor at the port of Lahaina  
Maui Kauai Islands three then back

Thursday Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fine pleasant weather  
Sailed at anchor at the port of Lahaina Maui  
all hands Employed at various jobs of Water Casks  
Ship and other various jobs.



Fairhaven Benjamin Ough Master  
October 1853

Friday Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fine Weather Sailing at Anker at  
the port of Lahuine Maui all Hands Employed  
at painting Ship took the Sick Men on Shore too  
See the Doctor

Saturday Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fine Weather Sailing at Anker  
at the port of Lahuine Maui all Hands Employed  
at painting Ship and other various jobs

Sunday Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fine Weather Sailing at Anker  
at the port of Lahuine Maui

Monday Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fine pleasant Weather Sailing  
at Anker at the port of Lahuine Maui  
all Hands Employed at painting Ship

Tuesday Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fine Weather Sailing at Anker  
at the port of Lahuine Maui all Hands Employed  
at painting Ship

Wednesday Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fine Weather Sailing at Anker  
at the port of Lahuine Maui all Hands Employed  
at painting Ship and other various jobs

Thursday Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fine Weather Sailing at Anker  
at the port of Lahuine Maui at various jobs  
departing sails taking on board recruits &c  
one Dutch on Liberty Discharged the Men that shipped by the Cruise



Log Book of the Ship *Vingara* of  
October 1853

Friday Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fine Weather Laying at Anchor  
at the port of Lihouma Maui Employed at  
various jobs of Ships duty one Watch on Liberty

Saturday Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1853

all of these 24 hours fine Weather Laying at Anchor  
at the port of Lihouma Maui Employed at  
various jobs of Ships duty one Watch on Liberty

Sunday Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fine Weather Laying at  
Anchor at the port of Lihouma Maui  
one Watch on Liberty

Monday Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fine Weather Laying at Anchor  
at the port of Lihouma Maui one Watch on Liberty  
Employed at various jobs of Ships duty

Tuesday Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fine Weather Laying at Anchor  
at the port of Lihouma Maui one Watch on Liberty  
Employed at various jobs of Ships duty

Wednesday Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fine Weather Laying at Anchor  
at the port of Lihouma Maui one Watch on Liberty  
Employed at various jobs of Ships duty



Fairhaven Benjamin Clench. Master  
October 1853

Thursday Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fine Weather Laying at Anchor at  
the port of Lahaina Maui one Watch on duty  
Employed at various jobs of Ships duty

Friday Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fine Weather Laying at Anchor at  
the port of Lahaina Maui All Hands Employed at  
getting off Water and other various jobs

Saturday Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fine Weather Laying at Anchor  
at the port of Lahaina Maui All Hands Employed  
at get off Water Lushness up and other various jobs

Sunday Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fine Weather Laying at Anchor  
at the port of Lahaina Maui

Monday Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Light variable wind and fine Weather  
at Lahaina Maui at 10 a m got under way

Tuesday Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 1853

For part of these 24 hours Light air and variable and pleasant  
Weather at the port of Lahaina at 3 a m the rain  
Came on board at 5 p m took the trade winds fresh  
took in reefs and top Gallant sails Steady to the westward  
at 9 p m Stead S W wind fresh at 9 p m Stead  
S by E by Compass Middle and latter part Light  
breezes with fine Weather Course S by E

Lat by Obs 19.49 North  
Long by Obs 157.40 West  
Bar 30



Log Book of the Ship Kingman of  
October 1853

Wednesday Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Light breezes and variable with fine  
Weather Course S by E this morning found three men  
on board Deserters from other ships

Lat by Obs 19° 19' North  
Long by Obs 157° 50' West

Thursday Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Light Easterly breezes and pleasant  
steering by the wind Heading S by E by Compass Middle and  
Latter part fresh breezes Heading S by E  
Employed at fitting boats and other various jobs

Lat by Obs 19° 25' North  
Long by Obs 158° 28' West  
Bar 30

Friday Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh Easterly wind and  
pleasant Weather steering by the wind Heading  
SSE by Compass Middle part fresh breezes and  
bucally Heading S by E Latter part moderate  
breezes and pleasant Heading SSE  
Employed at various jobs of ship's duty

Lat by Obs 14° 34' North  
Long by Obs 157° 31' West  
Bar 30

Saturday Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh Easterly wind and  
pleasant Weather steering by the wind Heading  
from South to SSE Employed at various jobs  
of ship's duty

Lat by Obs 12° 16' North  
Long by Obs 157° 28' West  
Bar 30



Fairbairn Benjamin Clough Master

October 1853

Sunday Oct 30<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh Easterly wind and squally  
steering by the wind under all sail heading S. S. E.  
by compass at 4 p.m. saw a ship steering South  
Lat by Obs. 9, 05 North  
Long by Chron. 136 45 West  
Bar 30.7

Monday Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh Easterly wind and  
pleasant steering by the wind heading S. S. E.  
Middle part stormy wind in squalls and variable  
Satter part stormy wind from S. E. with many squalls  
steering by the wind heading S. S. W. under top sails  
and courses Lat by Obs 6, 20 North  
Long by Chron 137, 20 West  
Bar 29.5

Tuesday Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from S. E. with  
pleasant weather steering by the wind heading  
S. S. W. Middle part moderate breezes and squally  
Satter part light breezes from S. E. to S. and  
pleasant steering by the wind on the Southern and  
Western tack employed at setting up rigging and  
other various jobs Lat by Obs 5, 04 North  
Long by Chron 137, 50 West  
Bar 29.7



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November 1853

Wednesday Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 1853

Fine part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from ESE  
with pleasant Weather Steering by the wind heading  
S by Compass Middle and latter part wind  
from ESE to SE and pleasant Steering by the  
wind Employed at various jobs of Ship duty  
one man sick.

Lat by Obs 2,30 North  
Long by Chron 158,38 West  
Bar 29.8

Thursday Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh breezes from ESE with  
pleasant Weather Steering by the wind under  
top Sails. Employed at various jobs of Ship  
duty at 11 A.M. Saw Jarvis Island bearing  
W by S 10 miles distant  
Lat at Noon by Obs 33 South

Long by Chron 159 10 West  
Bar 29.8

Friday Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fine part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from ESE  
Steering by the wind under all sail  
Middle and latter part fresh breezes from E  
and fine Weather Course SSE by Compass  
Employed at various jobs

Lat by Obs 3,53 South  
Long by Chron 160,38 West  
Bar 30



Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master

November 1853

Saturday Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 1853

Five part of these 24 hours fresh Easterly breezes with pleasant weather Course S. S. E. Middle part fresh breezes and variable with rain squalls. Latter part pleasant breezes from E Course S. S. E. by Compass Employed at various jobs

Lat by Obs 70° South  
Long by Chro 159° 49' West

Sunday Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1853

Five part of these 24 hours fresh Easterly breezes with pleasant weather Course S. S. E. Middle and Latter part light breezes and variable from E too S with rain squalls

Lat by Obs 10,01 South  
Long by Chro 159° 38' West

Bar 30.5

Monday Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours moderate breezes and variable from S E too E and squally Ship under all sail Steering by the wind on the Southern tack

Lat by Obs 11,29 South  
Long by Chro 160° 12' West  
Bar 30

Tuesday Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh breezes from E S E too S E and pleasant weather Steering by the wind under all sail Steading from S too S S W by Compass one man Sick

Lat by Obs 13,35 South  
Long by Chro 161° 17' West  
Bar 30

Wednesday Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours moderate breezes and variable from E S E too S and squally Ship under all sail Steering by the wind on different tacks all hands Employed at various jobs of ships duty one man Sick

Lat by Obs 15° 37' South  
Long by Chro 161° 20' West  
Bar 29.6



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Thursday Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 1853

Five part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from S E and S  
with pleasant Weather Steering by the wind on the  
Southern and Western tack Middle part wind  
variable with men Sailed Latter part light  
air and Calm Employed at Ship's duty  
one man sick

Lat by Obs 46.30 South  
Long by Chron 46.00 West  
Bar 29.75

Friday Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1853

This afternoon came in with light air and calm  
at 4 p. m. fresh breeze from S E with heavy rain  
in Squalls Middle and Latter part strong  
breezes from E S E Ship by the wind heading S  
by Compass under topsails and courses  
one man sick

Lat by Obs 47.50 South  
Long by Chron 46.10 West  
Bar 29.75

Saturday Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 1853

Five part of these 24 hours strong breezes from  
E S E with pleasant Weather Ship under topsails  
and courses heading S by Compass  
Middle and Latter part the same Employed  
at various jobs two men sick

Lat by Obs 20.07 South  
Long by Chron 46.10 West  
Bar 30



Seintuaren Benjamin Clough Master  
November 1853

Sunday Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours strong breezes from E, S E with  
pleasant weather ship heading S by compass  
at 4 p m took ship heading N E Ensigns  
at various jobs two men sick

Lat by Obs 19 22 South  
Long by Chron 161 06 West  
Bar 30

Monday Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh breezes from E S E and  
pleasant weather steering by the wind heading  
N E by compass at 4 p m Made the Island of  
Whistootie bearing N E by N 15 Miles distant  
at 6 p m our ship heading from Star S S W  
two men sick

Lat by Obs 20 24 South  
Long by Chron 160 46 West  
Bar 30

Tuesday Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from E S E to S E  
steering by the wind on the Southern tack at 3 p m  
our ship heading E N E by compass. Middle and  
Satter part wind moderate at 11 p m our ship  
heading S by W at 6 a m Made the Island of  
Resolute bearing S S E 25 Miles distant  
at 7 p m one man died a Skrimuk a Native of  
Resolute at 12 Noon buried him.

Lat by Obs 20 49 South  
Long by Chron  
Bar



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Wednesday Nov 16<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Moderate breezes from S.S.W. with  
pleasant Weather off the Island of Bontenga at  
8 a.m. the Captain went on shore trading for goods  
all Hands Employed at getting off Wood and  
Vegetables Hogs and fowl &c discharged the two  
Native Cruisers

Thursday Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Moderate breezes from S.S.W.  
with pleasant Weather Ship under all Sail Heading  
S.E. by Compass Employed at various jobs  
Lat by Obs 22.00 South  
Long by Chron 159 10 West  
Bar 29.8

Friday Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Light breezes from S.S.W. with  
pleasant Weather Course S.E. by Compass  
Employed at various jobs of Ships duty  
Lat by Obs 23 26 South  
Long by Chron 157 30 West  
Bar 30

Saturday Nov 19<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Calm and fine pleasant  
Weather Employed at various jobs of Ships duty  
Lat by Obs 23 34 South  
Long by Chron 157 00 West  
Bar 30



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Saithaven Benjamin Clough Master  
November 1853

Sunday Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Calm and Clear pleasant Weather  
Set by Obs 23.30 South  
Long by Chron 157 15 West  
Bar 30

Monday Nov 21<sup>st</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Light airs from S E and pleasant  
Middle and latter part Moderate breezes from S E to E  
Steering by the wind to the Southward the watches Employed  
at various jobs Set by Obs 23.18 South  
Long by Chron 157.30 West  
Bar 30

Tuesday Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from E and Cloudy  
Middle and latter part Light breezes from E to E S E  
and Clear pleasant Weather Employed at various jobs  
Course S by E Set by Obs 27.16 South  
Long by Chron 157.53 West  
Bar 30

Wednesday Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Light breezes from E to N E with Clear  
pleasant Weather Ship under all Sail Course S by E  
Employed at setting up rigging and other various jobs  
Set by Obs 28.22 South  
Long by Chron 157.37 West  
Bar 30

Thursday Nov 24<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes from  
N E with pleasant Weather Course S by E  
Middle part the same latter part Light  
variable wind with rain squalls  
Set by Obs 29.20 South  
Long by Chron 157 40 West  
Bar 29.9



Log Book of the Ship Niagara of  
November 1853.

Friday Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fine part of these 24 hours Moderate breeze from  
S and Cloudy Weather Steering by the wind on  
the Eastern tack Middle and latter part  
fresh breeze from South at 9 p.m. we  
Ship to the Westward at 12 Noon we Ship  
heaving S E by E Lat by Chr 30 34 South  
Long by Chr 136 00 West  
Bar 29.7

Saturday Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh Southerly wind with  
pleasant Weather Steering by the wind  
heaving E S E too E by Compass  
Lat by Chr 31.48 South  
Long by Chr 135.30 West  
Bar 29.7

Sunday Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fine part of these 24 hours fresh Southerly wind with  
pleasant Weather Steering by the wind on the  
Eastern tack Middle and latter part light  
winds and variable  
Lat at Noon by Chr 32.26 South  
Long by Chr 132 00 West  
Bar 30

Monday Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh breezes from S to S E  
Steering by the wind on different tacks  
Employed at repairing the Main top sail  
Lat by Chr 32.46 South  
Long by Chr 130 43 West  
Bar 30.6



Fairhaven Benjamin Cough Muster  
November 1853

Tuesday Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Moderate breezes from S E with  
pleasant Weather Steering by the wind heading  
S S W by Compass Employed at repairing the  
Fore topsail and gill Sailed by Chron 34 20" South  
Long by Chron 151 24 West  
Bar 30  $\frac{7}{10}$

Wednesday Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 1853

Five part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes from E S E  
with pleasant Weather Steering by the wind heading  
South Middle and Latter part fresh breezes from  
N E with Cloudy Weather Course S S E by Compass  
Employed at various jobs Sailed by Chron 37 06 South  
Long by Chron 151 30 West  
Bar 30

Thursday Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 1853

Five part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from N E to S  
with Cloudy Weather Middle and Latter part  
Moderate breezes and pleasant - Course S E by S  
Employed at repairing the Vetchesail and other  
various jobs Sailed by Chron 39 01 South  
Long by Chron 151 44 West  
Bar 29  $\frac{9}{10}$

Friday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 1853

Five part of these 24 hours Calm with a heavy  
Swell running from South and pleasant Weather  
Middle part Light increasing breezes from  
E S E Steering by the wind heading South by  
Compass Latter part fresh breezes and Cloudy  
Sailed by Chron 40 25 South  
Long by Chron 150 36 West  
Bar 30  $\frac{7}{10}$



# Log Book of the Ship Niagara of December 1853

Saturday Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 1853

All of this 24 hours Strong Easterly wind with  
Cloudy Weather Course S E Employed at  
various jobs of Ships duty

Lat by Ob 43.09 South  
Long by Chr 151.43 West  
Bar 30.4

Sunday Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from E by S  
with Cloudy Weather Course S by E  
Middle part the same latter part moderate  
breeze from N and pleasant Course S E by S

Lat by Ob 46.04 South  
Long by Chr 151.58 West  
Bar 30

Monday Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours light breezes from S to N W  
and pleasant Middle part the same  
latter part light increasing breezes and variable  
from N W to S W Course S E by E  
Employed at repairing the Studding sails

Lat by Ob 46.30 South  
Long by Chr 151.06 West  
Bar 30.6

Tuesday Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from S E with  
Cloudy Weather Steering by the wind on moderate  
tack under top Gullion sails Middle part strong  
breezes took in the top Gullion sails

Latter part strong breezes from S and S by E  
Course E by S under top sails and Courses

Lat by Ob 47.46 South  
Long by Chr 150.00 West  
Bar 29.9



Wishawren Benjamin Clough Master  
December 1853

Wednesday Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh breezes from S W with  
drizzling rain and fog Course E by S Ship under  
all Sail

Lat by Obs 48.41 South  
Long by Chron 146.00 West  
Bar 29.4

Thursday Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh breezes from W and Cloudy  
Weather Ship under all Sail Course E by S by Compass

Lat by Obs 49.36 South  
Long by Chron 135.00 West  
Bar 29.8

Friday Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh breezes from West and Cloudy  
Weather Ship under all sail Course E by S by Compass

Lat by Obs 50.10 South  
Long by Chron 130.00 West  
Bar 29.6

Saturday Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from S W  
Ship under all Sail Course E. Middle and latter  
part fresh breezes from S W to S and squally  
at 5 p.m. took in the standing sails and main  
sail at 10 p.m. took in the top-gallant sails  
at 11 a.m. double reefed the top sail and reefed  
the courses Course East by Compass

Lat by Obs 50.42 South  
Long by Chron 125.00 West  
Bar 29.4

Sunday Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from South with  
Clear Weather Ship under double reefed top sails

Middle part moderate breezes with snow and rain  
squalls Latter part fresh breezes from S W Ship  
under all Sail Course E by S by Compass

Lat by Obs 51.04 South  
Long by Chron 120.00 West  
Bar 29.2



Log Book of the Ship Niagara of  
December 1853

Monday Dec 12

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from S W and  
pleasant Middle part strong wind and variable  
from S W to S with snow squalls

Latter part fresh breezes from S W and pleasant  
Course E & S by Compass at 11 AM Split the  
jib and parted the foot rope of the main  
top sail Entered at sundown the 100 yds  
and main top sail Lat by Obs 52° 02' South

Long by Chron 15° 00' West  
Bar 29.8

Tuesday Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from W  
and pleasant Ship under all sail Course E by S  
Middle part strong wind some W to S W  
and squalls at 7 PM took in the studding  
sails at 12 Midnight took in the top gallant sail  
 Latter part strong wind from S W and squalls  
Ship under top sail and Course Course E

Lat by Obs 52° 45' South  
Long by Chron 16° 00' West  
Bar 29.8

Wednesday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours strong wind from S W  
with cloudy weather Ship under top sails and Courses  
at 4 PM double reefed the top sails

Middle and latter part blowing a fresh gale  
from S W Ship under double reefed top sails  
and fore sail Course E

Lat by Obs 54° 00' South  
Long by Chron 16° 00' West  
Bar 29.8



Winkaren Benjamin Cough Master  
December 1853

Thursday Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 Strong wind from S W with Cloudy  
Weather Ship under Single reefed top sail with Main  
top Gallant sail over

Middle part fresh breezes from W with rain  
Ship under Single reefed top sails and fore sail  
After part Moderate breezes from W to S W  
and pleasant Ship under all sail Course E by  
Compass

Lat by Obs 35° 00 South  
Long by Obs 98 30 West  
Bar 29 7/16

Friday Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from W  
Ship under all sail Middle part Strong wind  
from W with rain took in the Studding sails  
and Main royal After part Mild Moderate  
~~Set~~ the Studding sails and royal Course E by Compass

Lat by Obs 36 00 South  
Long by Obs 98 00 West  
Bar 29 3/16

Saturday Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from N W  
with pleasant Weather Ship under all sail Course E by P S  
Middle part Strong wind from N W to N with  
thick squally Weather under topsails and Courses  
After part fresh breeze and pleasant Set the  
top Gallant sails and fore topmast Studding sail

Lat by Obs 36 45 South  
Long by Obs 86 30 West  
Bar 29 1/16



Log Book of the Ship Niagara of  
December 1853

Sunday Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from N W with thick foggy weather ship under top & all hand sails and fore & main studding sail course E & E by compass. Middle part strong wind and squalls took in sail down to double reefed top sail and fore sail. Latter part strong wind pleasant from W course N E by E & E by compass.

Lat by Obs 54.04 South

Long by Obs 50.00 West

Bar 29.2

Monday Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours fresh breezes from N W with thick foggy weather ship with main top & all hand sails at course N E by E by compass.

Lat by Obs 56.46 South

Long by Obs 73.24 West

Bar 29.2

Tuesday Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from N W to N with thick foggy weather ship under top & all hand sails course N E by E by compass. Middle part variable wind and squalls. Latter part strong wind from S W ship under all sail course N E by E at 7 a.m. made the Diego Ramirez bearing N E by E 12 miles distant.

Lat by Obs 56.29 South

Long by Obs 73.36 West

Bar 29.2



Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master

December 1853

Wednesday Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Light wind and variable  
Course NE Middle part Strong wind from NW with rain  
at 12 Midnight double reefed the top sails Ship heading  
E by N latter part Strong wind from S W and clear  
at 10 AM made all sail Course NNE

Lat by Obs 36.08 South

Long by Obs 63.20 West

Bar 29.50

Thursday Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Moderate wind and variable  
with squally weather. Middle part the same  
latter part fresh breezes from S W wind pleasant  
Ship under all sail Course NNE by compass

Lat by Obs 34.50 South

Long by Obs 60.32 West

Bar 29.70

Friday Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours Light breezes from S W with pleasant  
weather Ship under all sail Course NNE by compass  
employed at various jobs of ships duty

Lat by Obs 33.13 South

Long by Obs 55.30 West

Bar 29.70

Saturday Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 1853

Fore part of these 24 hours Light breezes from S W  
with pleasant weather Course NNE

Middle part Moderate breezes and variable

Latter part fresh breezes from W to S and souly  
Course NE by N Saw a ship steering to the SE

Lat by Obs 31.47 South



# Log Book of the Ship Niagara of December 1853

Sunday Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 1853

This Morning Comes in with strong wind from S with thick rain. Weather then under double headsails and courses Course N<sup>o</sup> E by E at 7 p.m. wind moderate from N.W. Made all sail.

Middle part Moderate breeze from N.W. and pleasant ship under all sail Course N.E. Latter part strong wind and squally ship under topsails and courses Course N.E. by N.

Lat by obs 50.00 South  
Long by obs 31.00 West

Bar 29.76

Monday Dec 26<sup>th</sup> 1853

For part of these 24 hours strong wind from W by S. Wind squally ship under topsails and courses Middle part strong wind from S.W. and pleasant at 4 p.m. set the main top and lower sail Latter part fair moderate at 4 a.m. made all sail Course N.E. by N. by Compass

Lat by Obs 47.44 South

Long by Obs 47.00 West

Bar 29.76

Tuesday Dec 27<sup>th</sup> 1853

For part fresh breeze from S.W. with pleasant weather ship under all sail Course N.E. by N.

Middle part Moderate breeze and variable

Latter part fresh breeze and variable from S.W. E with fair Course N.N.E.

Lat by obs 46.08 South

Long by obs 44.20 West

Bar 29.76



# Swishaven Benjamin Wright Master

December 1853

Wednesday Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 1853

Took part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from S E too S  
with squally weather ship under topsail and courses  
Course N by E at 3 p.m. Changed signals with a Dutch  
Ship Steamer. At 5 p.m. blowing heavy in squalls  
took in sail under a double reefed Main topsail  
Here reefed fore topsail and reefed fore sail  
Middle and Lutter part blowing a fresh gale from  
S Course N by E Lat by obs 42.46 South  
Long by obs 44.36 West  
Bar 29.4

Thursday Dec 29<sup>th</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours blowing a fresh gale from South  
and squally weather ship under double reefed main & sail  
Here reefed fore topsail and reefed fore sail  
Course N by E & E

Lat by obs 34.34 South  
Long by obs 42.00 West  
Bar 29.6

Friday Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 1853

Took part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from S with pleasant  
weather ship under main top gallantsail, Course N N E  
Middle and Lutter part moderate breezes and variable  
from S too N W and pleasant ship under all sail  
Course N E by N Lat by obs 38.00 South

Long by obs 40.25 West  
Bar 30.4

Saturday Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1853

All of these 24 hours moderate breezes from N W with  
pleasant weather ship under all sail Course S E & S  
Employed at various jobs of ships duty

Lat by obs 36.31 South  
Long by obs 37.50 West  
Bar 30.7



Log Book of the Ship Sanguine of  
January 1854

Sunday Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1854

All of these 24 hours Light Northwesterly wind and  
fine pleasant Weather steering by the wind  
on the Eastern tack

Lat by Obs 33.20 South

Long by Obs 35.35 West

Bar 30.70

Monday Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 1854

All of these 24 hours Light Northwesterly wind and fine  
pleasant Weather steering by the wind on the Eastern  
tack at 12 been turned ship heading S W by S

Employed at various jobs of ship duty

Lat by Obs 33.00 South

Long by Obs 34.00 West

Bar 30.70

Tuesday Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 1854

For part of these 24 hours Light breezes from S E  
with pleasant Weather steering by the wind heading  
S W by W Middle part Moderate breezes from S E  
Ship heading N S latter part fresh breezes

The Watches Employed at fitting rigging and  
other various jobs

Lat by Obs 33.35 South

Long by Obs 34.35 West

Bar 30.70

Wednesday Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1854

All of these 24 hours fresh breezes from S E with  
clear sunny Weather Ship under top sails and  
courses steering by the wind heading S and S by E  
Employed at various jobs of ship duty at 10 A.M.  
putted the Main top sail sheet

Lat by Obs 31.00 South

Long by Obs 34.15 West

Bar 30.



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Kirkham Benjamin (Cough) Master

January 1854

Thursday Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 1854

Fore part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes and variable  
with squally Weather Middle part Moderate breezes  
from N. W. and pleasant ship heading S E by E  
 Latter part fresh breezes and squally  
Employed at various jobs

Lat by Obs 29.55 South  
Long by Obs 33.30 West  
Bar 29.8

Friday Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 1854

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from N. W. with  
Cloudy Squally Weather Course W E by N  
Middle part the same Latter part fresh  
breezes and heavy rain Course S E by E

Lat by Obs 27.50 South  
Long by Obs 32.10 West  
Bar 30.4

Saturday Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1854

Fore part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes from  
West and N. W. with heavy rain Middle part  
Strong wind from N. W. and squally  
 Latter part Moderate breezes and pleasant  
Course S E by N

Lat by Obs 27.38 South  
Long by Obs 31.00 West  
Bar 32



# Log Book of the Ship *Keyser* of January 1854

Sunday Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 1854  
All of these 24 hours fresh breezes from S E with  
squally rainy weather Ship under all Sail  
Course N by E by Compass

Lat by Obs 24° 56' South  
Long by Chron 31° 30' West  
Bar 30.70

Monday Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 1854  
Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from S E  
and squally weather Middle part light  
wind and variable latter part fresh breezes  
from South with pleasant weather Ship under  
all sail Course N by E at 6 p m part a  
Breeze steering N by E

Lat by Obs 22° 37' South  
Long by Chron 31° 30'  
Bar 30.70

Tuesday Jan 10<sup>th</sup> 1854  
Fore part of these 24 hours calm and pleasant  
Middle part moderate breeze and rain  
latter part fresh breezes from N N W steering  
by the wind heading N E and N E by E  
Employed at tarring and filting rigging  
the sail in light steering to the Northward  
and Eastward

Lat by Obs 21° 57' South  
Long by Chron 31° 30' West  
Bar 30.70

Wednesday Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 1854  
All of these 24 hours fresh Northwesterly wind with rain  
squally weather Ship under top Gallant sails  
steering by the wind on different tacks  
the Watches employed at various parts of ship duty  
one man each

Lat by Obs 20° 09' South  
Long by Chron 30° 36' West  
Bar 29.70



Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master

January 1854

Thursday Jan 12<sup>th</sup> 1854

All of these 24 hours strong Northerly wind with rain  
Ship under topsails and courses steering by the wind  
on the Eastern beach heading from N E by N to E N E  
one man sick

Lat by Obs 26.36 South  
Long by Chron 30.30 West  
Bar 29.5

Friday Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 1854

All of these 24 hours strong wind from N and N E with  
heavy rain Ship under topsails and courses steering by the wind  
at 6 p m saw the Island of Martin was bearing E by S  
20 miles distant

Lat by Obs 19.00 South  
Long by Obs 30.40 West  
Bar 29.9

Saturday Jan 14<sup>th</sup> 1854

Fore part of these 24 hours strong wind from N E with  
usually rainy weather steering by the wind under topsails  
and courses heading N W by N Middle part the same  
Sutter part more moderate breezes set the top gallant  
two sails in sight

Lat by Obs 17.25 South  
Long by Chron 32.30 West  
Bar 30.00

Sunday Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 1854

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from N E to E N E  
with pleasant weather steering by the wind under all  
sail heading from N W by N to N

Middle and Sutter part the same two sails in sight  
steering North

Lat by Obs 16.18 South  
Long by Chron 33.16 West  
Bar 30.0



Log Book of the Ship *Singara* of  
January 1854

Monday Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 1854

All of these 24 hours pleasant breezes from E & E by E  
with fine weather ship under all sail Course S  
by Compass at 6 p.m. spoke the Ship *Rebecca* Sims of  
New Bedford sailing down our Coast

Lat by Obs 13.35 South  
Long by Obs 34.00 West  
Bar 30

Tuesday Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 1854

All of these 24 hours pleasant breezes from SE and  
Weather fine ship under all sail Course  
SE by Compass the Watches Employed at  
sailing and tacking down

Lat by Obs 16.25 South  
Long by Obs 34.12 West  
Bar 30

Wednesday Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 1854

All of these 24 hours light breezes from SE with  
fine pleasant Weather ship under all sail  
Course SE by Compass the Watches Employed  
at sailing sailing at 7 a.m. spoke the  
Ship *Macleguina* bound for Pernambuco

Lat by Obs 18.15 South  
Long by Obs 34.36 West  
Bar 30



Saitharen Benjamin Clough Mustos  
January 1854

Thursday Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 1854

All of these 24 hours Moderate breezes from S E with  
fine pleasant Weather Ship part steering N by Compass  
Sail in sight and a good number of fish boats  
Middle part steering N by E & E Latter part N  
the sails in sight a head the Watches Employers  
setting up rigging Sail by Clock 3.33 South  
Long by Clock 34.30 West  
Bar 30

Friday Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 1854

First part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes from S E  
with pleasant Weather Ship under all Sail Course  
N N W Middle part variable wind and squally  
Latter part fresh breezes from S E and pleasant  
Course N W by N the sails in sight a Breeze and a Barque  
steering N W Employed at setting down and  
other various jobs Sail by Clock 3.05 South  
Long by Clock 36.30 West  
Bar 30

Saturday Jan 21<sup>st</sup> 1854

All of these 24 hours pleasant breezes from S E and  
fine Weather Ship under all Sail Course N W by N  
All Hands Employed at Drying down  
Sail by Clock 4.49 South  
Long by Clock 39.11 West  
Bar 30



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January 1854

Sunday Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> 1854  
We had a fair 24 hour Moderate breezes from S.E.  
with pleasant weather. Middle and Latter part  
Moderate breezes from E. & S.E. and pleasant  
ship under all sail. Course S.W. by N. & N  
Lat by Chr 1 32 North  
Long by Chron. 66 West  
Bar 30

Monday Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> 1854  
All of these 24 hours fresh breezes from S.E. with  
pleasant weather. Ship under all sail. Course  
S.W. by N. The Watches Employed at business  
and sailing, having one sail in sight  
Lat by Chr 3.42 North  
Long by Chron 66 West  
Bar 30

Tuesday Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 1854  
All of these 24 hours fresh breezes from S.E.  
and pleasant weather. Ship under top gallant and  
Course S.W. by N. Employed at turning down  
and other various jobs.  
Lat by Chr 6.15 North  
Long by Chron 43.30 West



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Saithaven. Benjamin Clough Master  
January 1854

Wednesday Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 1854  
All of these 24 hours fresh breezes from N N E with  
pleasant weather ship under top excellent sails  
Course S W by Company Employed at various jobs.  
Left by Clock 8,32 North  
Sailed by Clock 8,08 West  
Bar 30

Thursday Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 1854  
All of these 24 hours fresh breezes from N N E  
with pleasant weather Course S W by Company  
Employed at various jobs of ships duty  
Left by Clock 10,34 North  
Sailed by Clock 11,30 West  
Bar 30

Friday Jan 27<sup>th</sup> 1854  
All of these 24 hours fresh A E stronger winds  
with squalls weather clearing fine against standing  
sail and shore sound West of the time Employed  
at various jobs at 9 a.m. took in the West boat  
Left by Clock 13,30 North  
Sailed by Clock 54,10 West  
Bar 30



# Log Book of the Ship Niagara of January 1854

Saturday Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 1854

Saw part of these 24 hours Strong N E trade winds  
and variable weather Ship under top sail and courses  
Middle and better part Strong wind and pleasant  
at 3 a.m. set the main top Gunboat and stowed  
Course N W by Compass Employed at various points  
Lat by Obs 46° 16' North  
Long by Chron 57° 24' West  
Bar 30.

Sunday Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 1854

Saw part of these 24 hours Strong N E trade winds  
and pleasant weather Middle part Moderate wind  
and variable weather better part Light wind and variable  
Course N W by Compass no sail in sight a  
Brig steering N N W and a Schooner steering S  
Lat by Obs 48° 40' North  
Long by Chron 60° 20' West

Monday Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 1854

Saw part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes and  
variable with squally weather Middle part the same  
better part fresh breezes from E with fine pleasant  
weather Ship under all sail Course N W by  
Compass at various points and anchoring here  
Lat by Obs 27° 54' North  
Long by Chron 62° 40' West  
Bar 30.



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Fairhaven Benjamin Clough Master

January 1854

Tuesday Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 1854

All of these 24 hour Moderate breezes from S.E. and S  
with fine pleasant Weather Ship under all sails  
Course N.W. by N. N. all Hands Employed at  
Cleaning and painting Ship

Set by Obs 22.45 North  
Sung by Chron 22.00 West  
Bar 30.20

Wednesday Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 1854

Five part of these 24 hour Moderate breezes from S  
with pleasant Weather Middle part the same  
better part fresh breezes from S.W. and S.W. by S  
Course S.W. by S. N. Employed at Cleaning  
and painting Ship

Set by Obs 24.40 North  
Sung by Chron 24.50 West  
Bar 30.20

Thursday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 1854

Four part of these 24 hour fresh breezes from S.W. with  
pleasant Weather Middle part Moderate breezes and  
variable from S.W. by S. S.W. and S.W. by S Course S.W. by S  
& S.W. better part calm and fine pleasant Weather  
all Hands Employed at painting Ship

Set by Obs 26.00 North  
Sung by Chron 25.30 West  
Bar 30.20



Log Book of the Ship Niagara of  
February 1854

Friday Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 1854

Fore part of these 24 hours Calm Middle part light  
wind from S E Latter part Moderate breezes from  
S W with pleasant Weather Course N W by E  
Employed at painting and other various jobs  
Saw two Schooners Steering Southward

Lat by Obs 27.12 North  
Long by Obs 66.00 West  
Bar 30.76

Saturday Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 1854

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from S W  
with pleasant Weather Ship under full sail Course S W by S  
& N Middle part was calm from S W by W  
at 3.00 the wind hauled sudden to the N W becoming  
Heavy in Squalls parted the jib sheet and split the jib  
took in sail down the double reef in top sail and fore sail  
Latter part Strong wind from N W ship heading N N E  
for the wind under double reef in main Employed at repairing  
jib and main boom Lat by Obs 27.00 North

Long by Obs 67.00 West  
Bar 30.76

Sunday Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 1854

Fore part of these 24 hours strong wind from N W  
and pleasant Weather Ship heading for the wind  
under double reef top sail Middle and Latter part  
light wind and variable from N W too N E  
two sails in sight Lat by Obs 29.12 North

Long by Obs 68.30 West  
Bar 30.76



Swishewen Benjamin Clough Carter

February 1854

Monday Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 1854

Fore part of these 24 hours Light air and variable with  
pleasant weather. Middle part Calm. Latter part  
light increasing breeze from N & W and pleasant  
Ship steaming by the wind under all sail heading A  
Employed at various jobs sent down the sea and shipped  
ironing yards and repairing the Crotch + sail two sails in sight

Lat by Obs 30 02 North

Long by Obs 68 43 West

Bar 30 7/8

Tuesday Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 1854

All of these 24 hours Strong wind from N W and N  
and variable. Steaming by the wind under double reefed sails  
and courses Employed at various jobs sent down the ship  
and in sight

Lat by Obs 31 08 North

Long by Obs 69 10 West

Bar 30 7/8

Wednesday Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 1854

Fore part of these 24 hours Light breeze and variable with  
pleasant weather. Middle and latter part fresh increasing  
breeze from S E Ship under all sail Course N N W  
Employed at repairing the foremast

Lat by Obs 33 05 North

Long by Obs 70 00 West

Bar 30 7/8

Thursday Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 1854

Fore part of these 24 hours Strong wind from S E with pleasant  
weather Ship under Main top Gallant sail and fore top mast standing  
Course N by W & W saw a ship steering E N E  
Middle part blowing a heavy Gale from S with rain  
Ship under double reefed Main top sail and fore sail  
Course N by W & W at 300. In the wind Hauled out the  
the N & W with heavy squalls of wind and rain took in sail  
too a close reef Main top sail. Latter part Breeze moderate set  
double reefed top sail and fore sail wind W N W

Lat by Obs 34 04 North

Long by Obs 71 10 West

Bar 29 5/8



Log Book of the Ship Niagara of  
February 1854

Friday Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 1854

Fore part of these 24 hours strong wind from N W Wind, A W  
with pleasant weather ship heading now N to N E  
a large sea running from S Middle part light  
Northwesterly wind latter part fresh breezes from  
W S W and pleasant weather ship under all sail  
heading N by compass one sail in sight.

Lat by Obs 37.29 North  
Long by Obs 76.10 West

Saturday Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 1854

Fore part of these 24 hours strong wind from S W  
with pleasant weather ship heading N N E at 3 p.m.  
double reefed the topsails and reefed the Mainmast  
at 9 p.m. reefed the foresail and wore ship heading W  
Middle and latter part the same

Lat by Obs 38.10 North  
Long by Obs 71.00 West  
Bar 30

Sunday Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1854

Fore part strong wind from N W with clear pleasant  
weather ship under double reefed topsails and reefed courses  
Middle part the same latter part moderate at 6 a.m.  
made all sail steering by the wind heading W S W  
saw a Chances steamer to the Westward

Lat by Obs 38.69 North  
Long by Obs 71.04 West  
Bar 30.7



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Kirkham Benjamin Clough Master  
February 1854

Monday Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 1854

Fore part of these 24 hours Light air and Calm and  
Clear pleasant Weather Middle part Light increasing  
breezes from S E Latter part fresh breezes and rainy  
Ship under all sail Course N by E compass  
No Observations these 24 hours Lat by d<sup>r</sup> 34° 30' North  
Long by d<sup>r</sup> 71° 15' West

Tuesday Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 1854

Fore part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from S with thick rainy  
Weather ship under all sail Course N by E compass  
at 1 p m the Water Cloud at 5 p m sounded  
56 fathoms fine white sand with black specks

Middle part moderate breezes from S with thick Weather  
Course N by E Latter part Light breezes with a thick fog  
during N N E at 9 a m hauled aboard in 5 fathoms of  
Water at 12 Noon saw Montauk Point bearing W N W  
distance 5 Miles saw a Bark steering S

Wednesday Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 1854

Fore part of these 24 hours Moderate breezes from N E  
with a thick fog Lay aboard off Montauk point

Middle part fresh breezes from N E too S E and thick  
fog by the wind too the Eastward Latter part Light  
breezes from S with variable Weather steering N E by E  
at 12 Noon Light air from N W and thick Employed at  
hoisting up the cables and other various jobs



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Thursday Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 1854

Two part of the 24 hour light air from N W  
with a thick fog. Sailing about north of Block Island  
Middle part Calm. Latter part fresh breeze from

N W with a thick snow storm. Ship under all sail  
standing for Long Head at 9 a M took the pilot  
at 11 a M. Towed two anchors in ten fathoms time















